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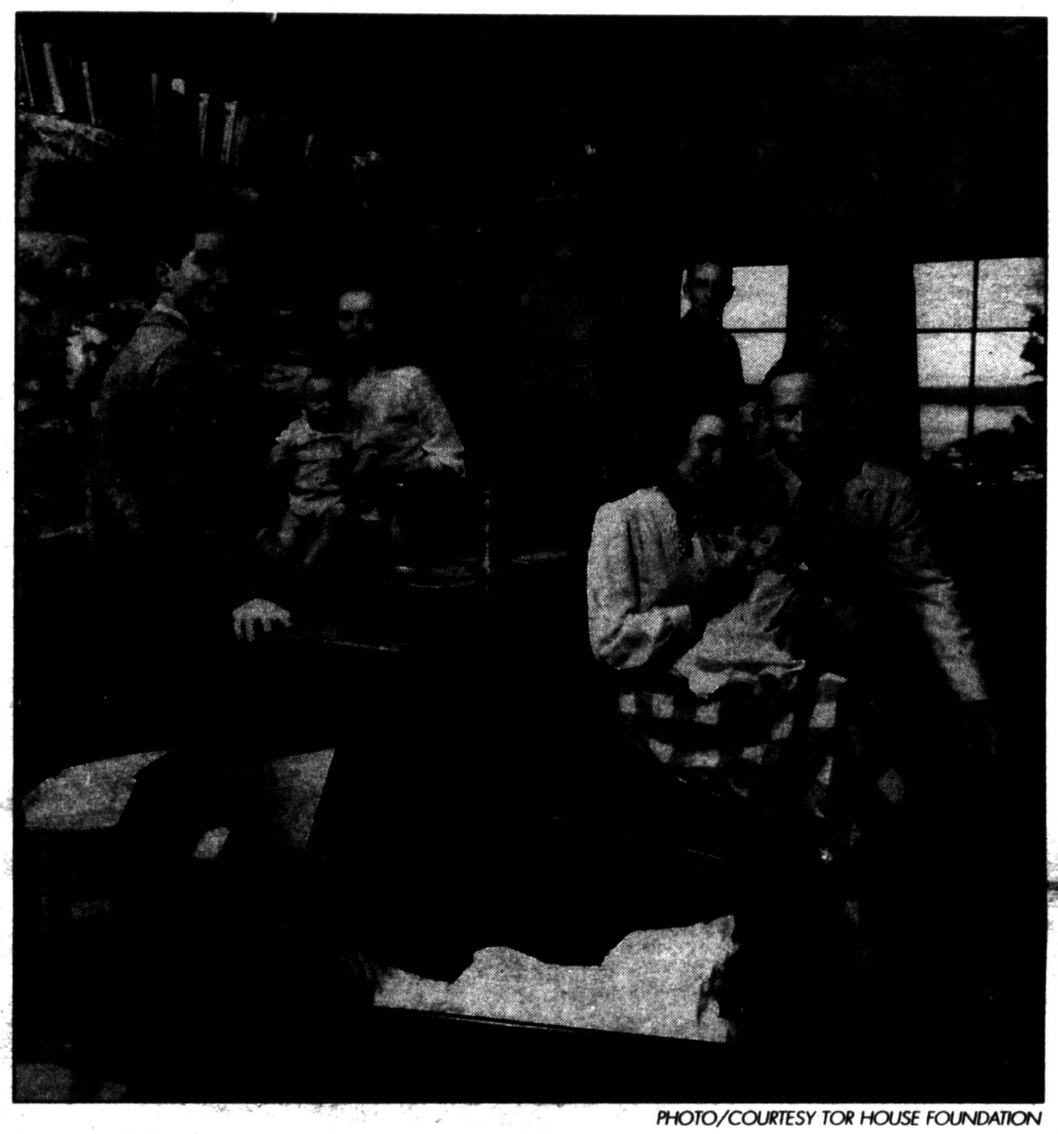

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A photograph taken in 1948 captures the whole Jeffers family in the Tor House dining room. Donnan (far left) and his wife, Lee, a platinum-haired beauty, show off their new baby, Lindsay, while Donnan's twin, Garth, and his wife, Charlotte, hold their baby, Maeve. The famed poet Robinson Jeffers and his wife, Una, stand in the background.

LEE JEFFERS SERVED AS TOR HOUSE GUARDIAN ANGEL

By TAMARA GRIPPI

LEE JEFFERS, the devoted caretaker of Tor House who lived for the last half-century in the stone home — hand-built by her famous father-in-law — died Dec. 16.

Mrs. Jeffers, 73, had been suffering from pneumonia at Community Hospital.

She was praised by members of the Tor House Foundation for her generosity and the meticulous way she preserved Robinson and Una Jeffers' home.

"She was a great repository of infor-

See LEE page 8A

Mountain lion spotted on the loose in Carmel

By TAMARA GRIPPI

CARMEL POLICE officers John Nyunt and Chris Johnson witnessed a surreal sight in the pre-dawn hours of Dec. 17 during their nightly patrol — a mountain lion strolling down Ocean Avenue.

When the officers followed the lion in their patrol car, it turned onto San Carlos and broke into a run, loping past Lugo's Shell and through the parking lots of Svendsgaard's Inn and Hofsas House before disappearing into the canyon at the end of the street.

The animal — which the officers said weighed between 100 and 150 pounds — was heading toward Pescadero Canyon, where mountain lions are known to hunt.

In recent months, several residents have reported lion activity in the Carmel area. One believes her cat was killed by a mountain lion in Pescadero Canyon several months ago. However, until now, no lion has been brazen enough to strut through downtown Carmel.

"This is the first time anybody here can remember seeing a lion in town," said Carmel Police Sgt. Ken O'Donovan.

The officers first spotted the animal during their routine patrol between 4 and 4:30 a.m. Johnson, who was on foot patrol, was talking to Nyunt outside his patrol car at the intersection of San Carlos and Ocean Avenue.

"Corporal Nyunt saw the animal's legs in the rear view mirror and said, 'Wow, that's a really large dog,'" O'Donovan said. But then the officer saw the lion clearly, with his long tail touching the ground. "All of a sudden a very large — probably a male — mountain lion was walking up the street, up Ocean Avenue," he said.

Carmel gallery owner Dino Orlando said he wasn't surprised at all by the prospect of a lion in the neighborhood. Last month, Orlando spotted a lion crossing Highway 1, 100 yards north of the Carpenter exit.

"He waited for the traffic to clear and came across the highway," Orlando said.

And in recent weeks, police received yet another report of a lion, chasing a raccoon by the Serra statue in Carmel Woods.

While no one is quite sure why the usually shy animals are making more public appearances, some wonder if the recent fires in the Los Padres National Forest might have pushed the lions closer to civilization.

The local mountain lion population — fires or no fires — is growing and moving closer to residential areas, according to Pebble Beach Forester Paul Dubsky.

"The lions are fully protected now," Dubsky said. "They tend to be healthy and have healthy young. There's only so much available habitat. When the young grow up they get pushed into habitat where they can survive."

Dubsky believes that there is still habitat

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HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

PHOTO/TAMARA GRIPPI

A sparkling winter's day provided this California brown pelican an ideal chance to taste freedom again on the sands of Carmel Beach. Story on page 17A.

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Carmel ready for wild revelry

By MARY BROWNFIELD

Officials don't expect fire and brimstone in Carmel on New Year's Eve, but the city is bolstering its forces in town just in case.

"We'll have quite a bit more staff than on a normal night, even more than on a typical New Year's Eve," said Carmel Police Corporal Ron Spicer.

Officers on the morning watch — which includes the midnight hour — will come in early, and those from the evening watch will stay late, according to Spicer. Chief Don Fuselier and Detective Sgt. Pete Poitras will also be on duty

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Nighttime skateboarder narrowly misses holiday disaster

By MARGOT PETIT NICHOLS

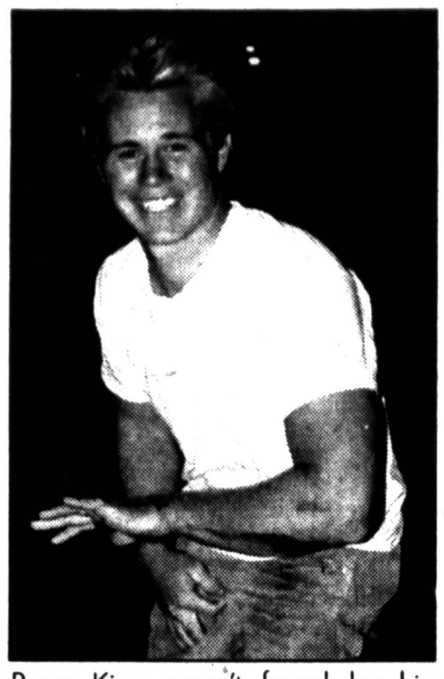
WAS IT the full moon Wednesday night, or just foolhardiness? Two skateboarders racing down the Eighth Avenue hill from Junipero toward Mission around 9:40 p.m. Dec. 22 came out of the darkness at incredible speed toward our oncoming car. One flashed past us on the right, while the other skateboarder, Beau King, 23, sheared off to our left, staving off what could have been a horrendous holiday accident — one that would have haunted us all our lives.

PHOTOS/MARGOT PETIT NICHOLS

The skateboarder escaped but his board crashed through the holiday window of Knapp's hardware at Eighth and Mission.

King, having seen our blinker indicating a left turn — a turn that would have hit him square on — careened out of our path, directing his skateboard toward Knapp's hardware on the corner of Mission at Eighth. Jumping off his board as it hit the curb, King rolled over on the ground as the board continued on riderless, straight through Knapp's lighted plate-glass window with its "Happy Holidays" decoration.

King had the wind knocked out of him and sustained lacerations on his left arm, hand and leg from his fall. While Knapp's burglar alarm shrilled through the still Carmel night, King's friends — about six in all — gathered around as he sat by Knapp's entrance, trying to regain his breath. His parents, who live on Mission Street, arrived on the scene while we waited for the alarm company rep and the police to arrive.



Beau King wasn't fazed by his bloody arm or his close call.

Fifteen minutes later the alarm stopped, but still no security company agent arrived, and still no police. King's mother, who carried a cell phone, called the Carmel police station. Corporal Ron Spicer arrived shortly after. By this time the skateboarders and friends had left the scene to return to King's house, close by the accident corner, leaving the parents and the car occupants to make a report.

"We had all just been on the beach having fun," King's father said. "We went to see the beach in moonlight."

So had this reporter, who had gone to the beach with family members and another reporter, hoping to photograph the beach and ocean under the bright winter solstice moon. It was on our trip homeward that the skateboarders, evidently not anticipating the possibility of a head-on encounter with a car on the dark streets of Carmel, started their race down Eighth.

Watch Commander Steve Rana told The Pine Cone that skateboarding is illegal in the city limits. Driving in Carmel at night, in unlighted streets, always demands heightened awareness. It is this reporter's opinion that skateboarding at high speed on Carmel streets in the dark is just plain irresponsible.

Hit and run driver not our Mr. Sanchez

PINE CONE readers concerned that the Fermin Sanchez from Seaside who was arrested for fleeing from a non-injury accident on Dolores and Ninth Dec. 9 was also the owner and manager of a Carmel institution, Bruno's Market at Junipero and Sixth, need not be alarmed: They are two, very separate individuals.

Carmel Police Detective Sgt. Pete Poitras confirmed that a name is the only trait the two have in common. "It is not the gentleman from Bruno's Market," he said. "I noticed the similarity myself, but quickly realized it was not the same man."

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Big Sur will be part of UC study of dying oaks

By TAMARA GRIPPI

THE UNIVERSITY of California will pay $46,000 to study the bark beetle infestation of oak trees in Monterey County.

Since 1995, oak bark beetles and ambrosia beetles have killed hundreds of trees from Marin to Santa Cruz and most recently attacked 1,000 tanbark oaks in Big Sur.

The UC study, which is being headed by forestry specialist Rick Standiford, will include aerial surveys to determine the extent of the infestation and field investigations to examine the sequence of events that results in the demise an infected tree. Big Sur will be one of the main locations of the study.

"Its purpose is to develop the basic information on the mechanism causing mortality," said Steve Tjosvold, the environmental horticultural advisor with UC's cooperative extension in Watsonville.

Tjosvold appeared at a tree workshop in Carmel Dec. 17 and updated nearly 50 participants on the beetle problem.

So far there are no clear answers as to why abnormally large numbers of the beetles are attacking live oaks and tanbark oaks in Northern California, Tjosvold told the audience.

Under normal conditions the native California beetles are a natural part of the oak trees' life cycle: after trees start to die, the beetles move in to finish the job.

However, scientists don't know what is weakening large numbers of seemingly healthy oaks, including majestic California live oaks, and making them vulnerable to the beetle infestations.

"One of the theories is tanoaks are dying from an unknown disease and the beetles that have built up on them are spilling over into the California live oak population," Tjosvold said. "It's just a theory, but it's an interesting theory."

Tjosvold advised residents to be on the lookout for signs of an oak beetle attack, which include discolored bark, dying brown foliage and sawdust at the base of a tree.

For now, property owners should work to keep their oaks healthy by avoiding excessive pruning, fertilization and watering. Wood piles should be covered with clear plastic that is not tightly pressed against the logs, while stumps and branches of infected trees should be either ground or chipped.

Residents can also use pesticides, including Astro and Dragnet, to combat the problem.

Tjosvold and colleague Pavel Svihra — who first began studying the beetle problem several years ago — will undertake another study looking at how effective pesticides are in controlling the infestations.

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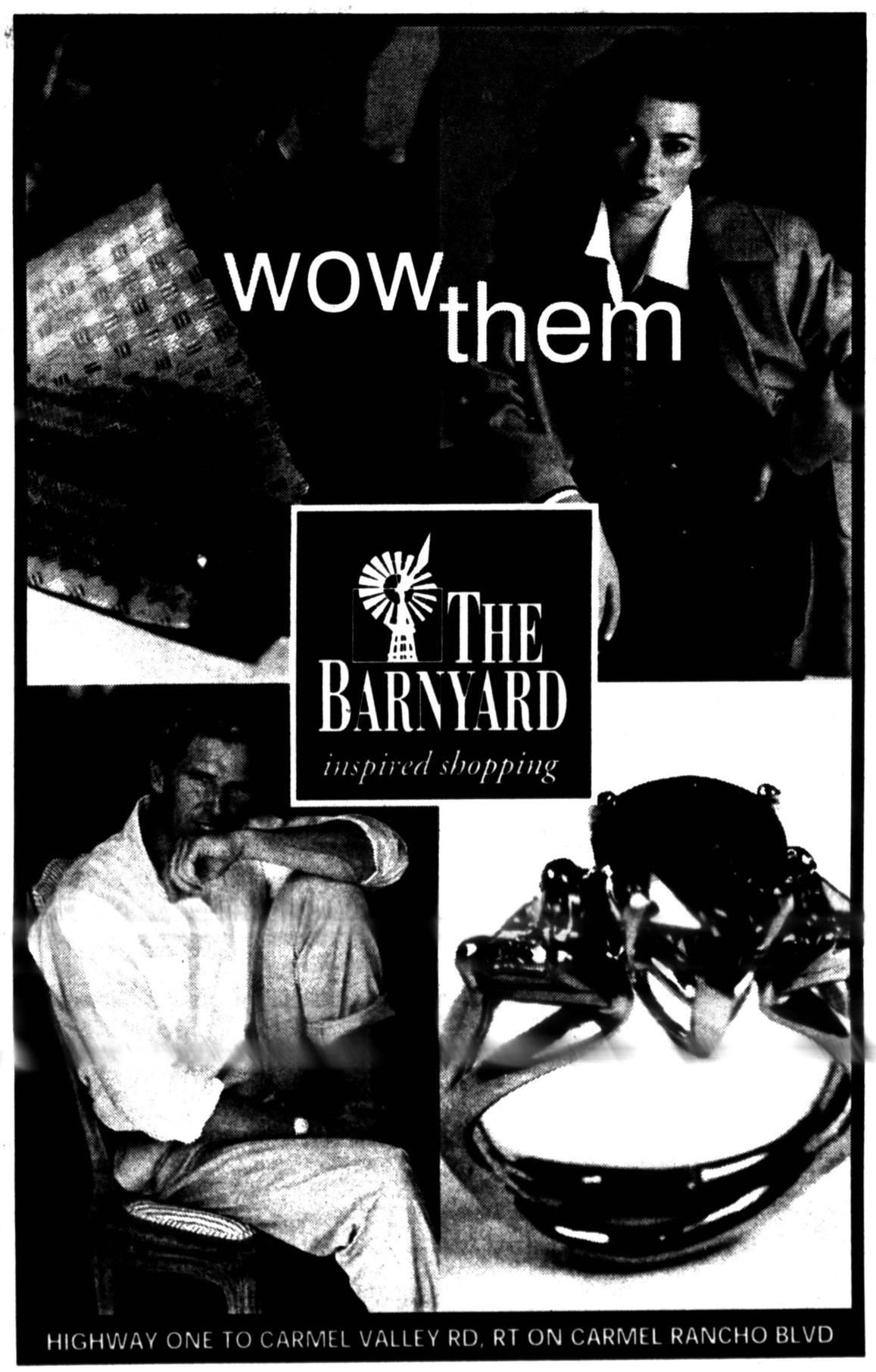

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Police & Sheriff's Log

Truck fire keeps man warm

HERE'S A look at some of the significant calls logged by the Carmel-by-the-Sea Police Department and the Monterey County Sheriff's Department last week.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Woman reported she thought she had located the vehicle involved in her hit and run incident. Possible suspect vehicle was a silver Honda Civic. Further investigation showed damage to vehicle inconsistent with damage to the other vehicle. Contact notice left to confirm time of damage Owner called and advised damage occurred in Monterey 11/99.

Carmel area: Unknown person(s) egged several cars on Carmel Knolls during the night. One window was smashed and egg was inside the vehicle. Estimated damage to the window is $400.

Carmel area: Attempted to contact an elderly male at his Rio Road residence. Contact made. He was all right.

Carmel Valley: Schulte Road resident reported a domestic dispute over a child custody issue.

Carmel Valley: The owner of a Carmel Valley Village restaurant reported that a patron was asked to leave and refused. The patron was escorted out of the bar and last seen on foot leaving the area.

Carmel Valley: Nason Road resident reported that a woman left his residence after self-inflicting several cuts to her arm with a knife. Upon arrival she was gone, but after a short search she decided to come out of hiding. She was taken to CHOMP for voluntary evaluation.

Pebble Beach: Chaparral resident reported receiving annoying phone calls.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Traffic stop conducted and a woman was arrested on a warrant out of Los Angeles for possession of an illegal substance.

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Council forgets hotel room tax hike — for now

By TAMARA GRIPPI

AFTER LISTENING to pleas from Carmel innkeepers to hold off on raising the city's hotel room tax until the proposed business improvement district is given a chance, the Carmel City Council voted unanimously Dec. 21 to do just that.

A week earlier, the council appeared ready to send a one-percentage-point increase in transient occupancy tax (TOT) to the voters.

The council is under pressure to come up with an additional $700,000 a year to offset a funding gap, which has been caused by rising costs and decreases in the city's tax revenues.

Before raising the TOT to 11 percent — which would generate about $350,000 annually — the council decided it should first receive reports on two other fundraising proposals: paid parking and the business improvement district.

The improvement district — first proposed in October by a group of Carmel business people — would collect 1 percent per hotel room per year as a self-imposed assessment fee instead of a tax.

Those fees would be part of a larger business assessment district that proponents hope would generate $750,000 annually to promote the city and provide improvements to downtown areas.

Innkeepers who spoke at the meeting didn't much like the idea of another tax hike.

"I'm probably the oldest innkeeper in Carmel," said Robert Little of Carmel Sands. "I've stood here and watched all the other tax burdens put on my shoulders and my customers. It's not a pleasant thing to have happen."

As the city revenues have fallen, many Carmel business people realized that the council might not be willing to fund the Carmel Business Association's annual $100,000 marketing grant.

"All the inns are against the TOT increase without some funding for tourism promotion," said John Wilson, general manager of the Pine Inn.

The council agreed to wait until the city's Business District Advisory Committee is finished studying the improvement district idea before pursuing a room tax increase.

Committee chairman Mel Kline agreed to "fast-track" the study and have it completed within six months. The council also asked for the Parking 2000 committee to make recommendations on paid parking by February.

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SANTA CLAUS IN BLUE ARRIVES IN A BLACK AND WHITE

By MARY BROWNFIELD

AN UNUSUAL Santa Claus arrived a few days early for a Seaside family — instead of a red and white suit, this Santa wore the blue uniform of the Carmel Police Department.

A group of Santas, in fact — including several Carmel police officers and Chief Don Fuselier — arrived at the family's home Dec. 21 with loads of gifts, all the fixings for a Christmas feast and enough food to last well into the new year.

The idea to participate in the Salvation Army's Project SANTA — which stands for Salvation Army Asks Neighbors to Adopt — belonged to Officer Joe Avila, who read about the program in a local newspaper and decided to adopt a family in need.

"Anyone can write a check, but if you can get more personally involved, that's good," said Avila, who remembered the bounteous Christmases of his childhood.

"I was raised by my grandparents and Christmases were a big deal." Avila specifically reques-ted a family with children because of those memories.

"Just imagine what it's like to have a kid and not have a present to give, not have a toy," he said. "As you get older, Christmas is still fun, but there's nothing like Christmas as a child and that's why I requested a family with a young child."

Word of Avila's intended generosity quickly spread throughout the police station, and most of the department was soon involved.

"It's not like we're independently wealthy or rich or anything, but I said, 'If everyone does without a Bruno's tri-tip sandwich for the week (which we all love), you can each give me $5 and I can go get a toy,'" he said.

The donations of gifts and food poured in, according to Avila. "The guys in the department really came through with the gifts," he said. "Every time I looked, there were more and more."

Carmel businesses, including Carmel Chevron, Port of Carmel, Sportswise and The Game Gallery, also joined the effort.

The mother, Chrisea, and her sons, Jorge and Marcus, were overjoyed and a little overwhelmed by the bountiful gift-wrapped boxes and bag after bag of groceries that Avila, Fuselier, Corporal Steve Rana, Detective Sgt. Pete Poitras and Community Services Officer Bob Riddle carried into their home.

Chrisea can no longer work because she must care for 13-year-old Jorge — bed-ridden by severe epilepsy — 24 hours a day.

PHOTO/MARY BROWNFIELD

Carmel's boys in blue played Saint Nick for a Seaside familly.

Giving the family a better Christmas was of paramount importance to Avila.

"You just start to realize, 'I'm sitting in traffic and I get upset, and here's this woman trying to juggle all these things in her life,'" he said. "Stuff like that totally grounds me. It makes me realize just how blessed I am, and what I'm able to do."

In addition, Avila said the experience allowed him and his fellow officers to present law enforcement in a different light.

"She hit right on it when she said Marcus was a little frightened because he only sees uniforms in the house when his brother's going to the hospital," he said. "Usually when people see the police, something bad has happened."

Fuselier said Avila's willingness to give is indicative of a "new generation" of police officers who want to help dissipate some of the negative images projected by large city police forces like the L.A.P.D.

Avila said he hopes CPD's participation in Project SANTA will become a department tradition, though he would like to see such generosity year-round.

"It's something that we can do. It's rather unfortunate that we don't do it more often," he said. "It seems to happen around Thanksgiving and Christmas, but it's too bad we don't make a conscious effort to do it more often."

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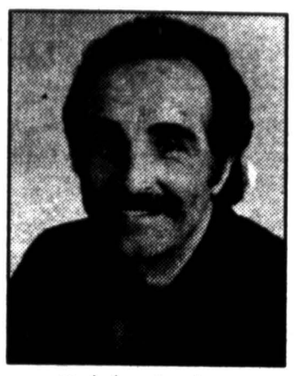
Carmel original, Sal the Barber, lived by 'following the sun'

By TAMARA GRIPPI

SALVATORE GRECO, known to many in Carmel as "Sal the Barber," was remembered this week as the last of his kind — the old-time barber who took the time to lend an ear and offer nuggets of advice.



Sal the Barber

Mr. Greco died of liver failure Dec. 8. He was 65.

For 25 years he trimmed, shaved and shared his wisdom with his loyal Carmel customers.

"Everyone in Carmel would go and get their hair cut at his shop," said longtime friend Michael Boylan. "It was an experience. He did so much traveling around the world he would make it an adventure for you."

Born in Tacoma, Wash., in 1934, Mr. Greco first studied hairdressing with Vidal Sassoon in London.

In Beverly Hills he styled the hair of celebrities, including Rock Hudson and Susan St. James, while working for Jay Sebring before opening his own shop in Palm Springs.

In the 1970s, he left the fast-paced life of Southern California behind in order to enjoy the simpler pleasures of life in Carmel.

While working at Les Fulgham's Barber Shop on Sixth Avenue, he was able to spend much of his free time playing tennis. "One of the things he loved to do the most was to try to find out where the sun was going to be that day, and go play tennis," said Boylan, who was also Greco's doubles partner.

Almost every day, Greco, Boylan and Fulgham would stroll across the street to have breakfast at the Little Swiss

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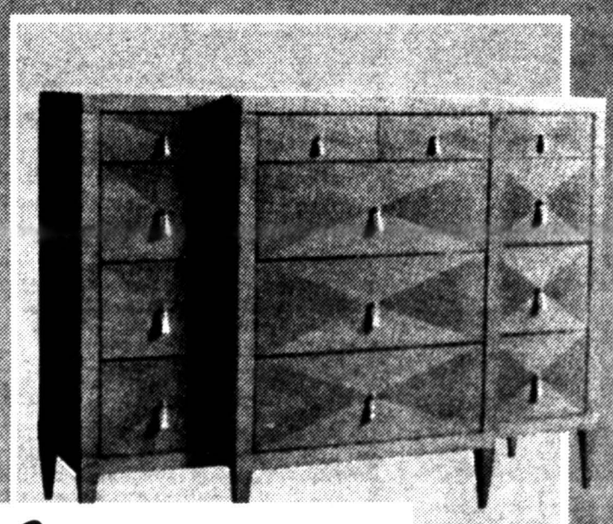

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mation and memory that nobody can replace," said John Hicks, president of Tor House Foundation.

The Michigan-raised and educated Leota Merchant Waggener first came to live at Tor House in the mid 1940s soon after she married Donnan, one of Una and Robinson Jeffers' twin sons.

For the rest of her life — with the exception of a four-year sojourn in Ireland — Lee Jeffers lived at Tor House, raising her four children and taking care of both Robinson and Una when they became ill. Her final charges were the house itself and her father-in-law's literary estate.

"She made sure that the house remained exactly as it was when the poet and his wife resided there," said Connie Weissmuller, secretary for the Tor House Foundation. "She was always available for questions. Her generosity and kindness to visitors from all over the world was well known."

Lee Jeffers and her husband, Donnan, worked with the foundation to negotiate an agreement with the National Trust for Historic Preservation that would protect the house in perpetuity.

The Tor House Foundation, which has owned the famed stone house on Carmel Point since 1978, decided that the couple should be able to live at Tor House for the rest of their lives. However, Donnan Jeffers died just four years later.

After her husband's death in 1982, Lee took his place alongside his brother, Garth, as an executor of the Jeffers' literary estate. Garth died in 1998.

PHOTO/MARGOT PETIT NICHOLS

Lee Jeffers with son Lindsay photographed at Tor House this year.

Tending to the garden

Born in Highland Park, Michigan in 1926, Lee Jeffers studied medicine before moving to Carmel in 1946. She married Donnan Jeffers a year later.

As a young bride, Mrs. Jeffers was taught to cook by her mother-in-law, Una. She relished cooking with herbs and kept a cookbook collection that included "Sunday Suppers" by Lacy Buck's grandmother, Alice Laidlaw Williams.

One of Mrs. Jeffers' greatest pleasures was tending to the Tor House garden, especially the roses, Weissmuller said.

Inside Tor House, Lee Jeffers took scrupulous care of the furnishings. "She literally did everything," said Weissmuller. "She upholstered, draped, covered furniture, made bedspreads . . ." And it was Lee who laid the kitchen floor tiles of terra cotta pieces picked up for a song from leftovers when Sunset School was being retiled.

It took a certain amount of resilience to live at the rustic Tor House — heated only by seven fireplaces — and Lee's spirited approach to life came in handy. Weissmuller remembered when Lee had to stitch up a dog that had been wounded by barbed wire.

Another time, Lee unceremoniously pulled a king snake from the fireplace. "She was really an interesting combination of a sophisticate and a woman almost like a pioneer," Weissmuller said. "Living in that house one would have to have that fortitude."

Mrs. Jeffers and her husband's travels took them to New Zealand, Australia, London and Ireland, where they lived for several years during the 1960s.

She also served as librarian at Robert Louis Stevenson School. For many years she volunteered with the Girl Scouts of America and the American Red Cross. She was an avid swimmer and devoted member of the Beach and Tennis Club at Pebble Beach.

Reading mystery novels, one after another, was her great pleasure during the evening hours.

Throughout her life Mrs. Jeffers cherished her sitting room at Tor House, where she could look out on Hawk Tower, her well-tended gardens and the vast Pacific Ocean.

She is survived by her children, Lindsay, of Pebble Beach, Una Honschied, of Sunnyvale, Donnan, of Phoenix, and Robin, a resident of Pacific Grove; a grandson, Aengus, of San Francisco; a sister, Phyllis Hunter, of Vincennes, Indiana; a brother, Gene Waggener, of Florida and several nieces and nephews.

The family suggests that memorial donations be sent to the Robinson Jeffers Tor House Foundation to assist in the continuing preservation of the house.

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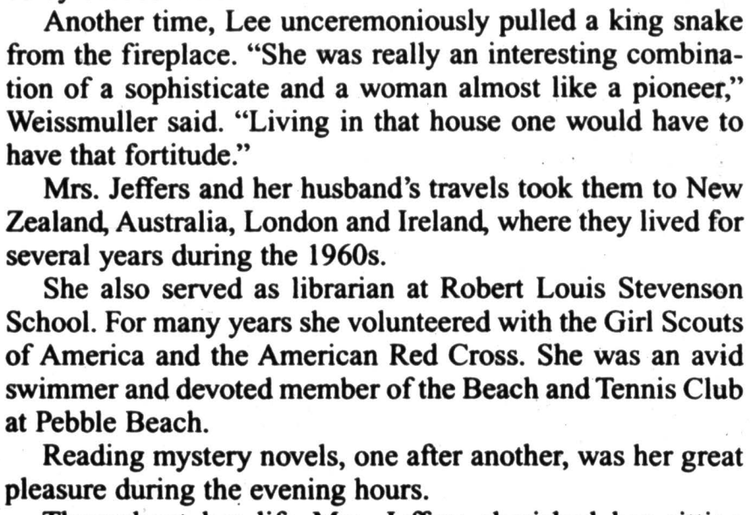
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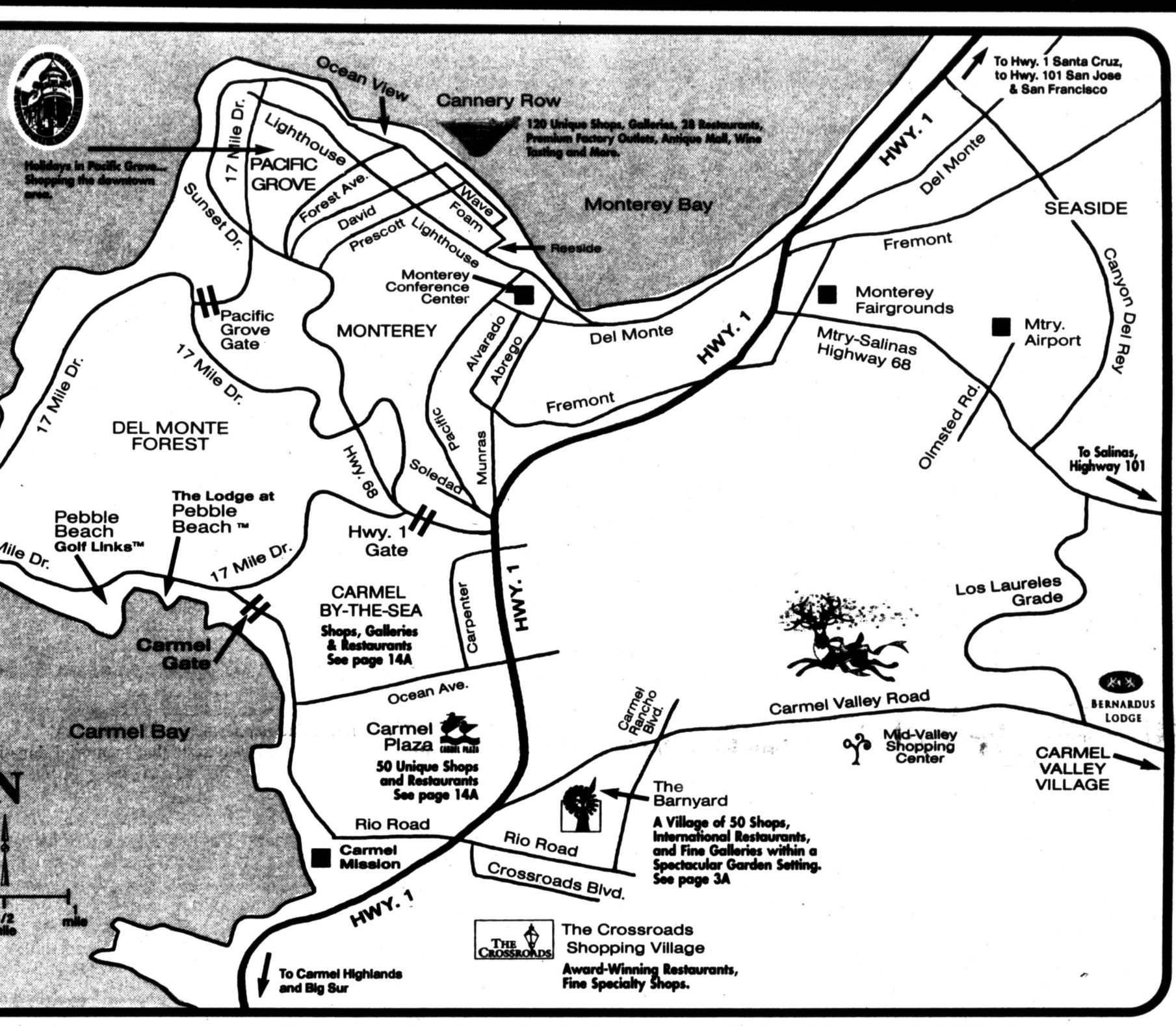

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THE BOOKSHELF

Mystery buffs (and authors) at last may find 'Order in the Court'

"ORDER IN the Court," written by local attorney **David S. Mullally**, is really a good read — not only for those who want to better understand our legal system, but for mystery and crime book buffs, as well — both readers *and* writers. Actually written as a writer's guide to the legal system, the book provides clear explanations — in layman's terms — of crimes, defenses and punishments, search and seizure, arrest and confession and civil law. And what's even better, Mullally outlines a criminal trial and a civil trial, taking us through the various steps and stages of each right through to appeal. What a fine book! A glossary of legal terms and resources for research are included, too.

By Margot Petit Nichols

Mullally, a resident of Carmel Valley, has practiced law for 23 years, worked with public defenders and district attorneys, in law firms and as a sole practitioner, trying criminal and civil cases. He served as judge pro tem, arbitrator, mediator and lecturer at state bar meetings and as a professor of law at Monterey College of Law. The 276-page trade paperback, published by Writers Digest Books, is available for $17.99 at The Thunderbird Bookshop, Borders in Sand City, and other local bookstores.

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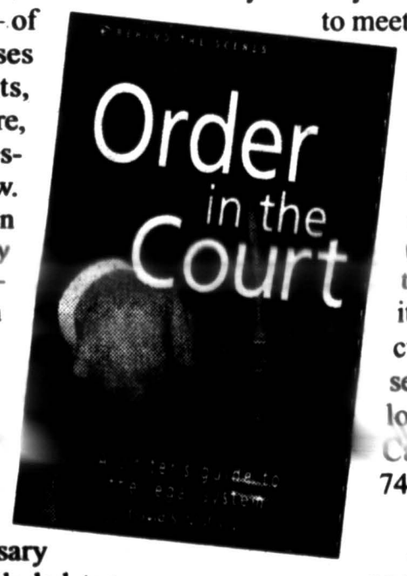
I SHOULD have given you earlier warning on this one: **Stuart Walzer**, founder and co-facilitator of the Monterey Library Literary Circle, will facilitate a now-forming group to meet once a month on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 at the Carl Cherry Center for the Arts, Carmel beginning on Jan. 12. The group will share and discuss the Modern Library edition of **James Joyce's "Ulysses."** Participants are expected to complete the readings, contribute to the group and present a related topic for discussion. It's anticipated that it will take nine months to read and discuss the book. Cost for the entire series is $25. The Cherry Center is located at Fourth and Guadalupe, Carmel. For information, call 624-7491. Good luck to one and all.



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JENNIFER LAGIER's book of poetry, **"Where We Grew Up,"** is a compilation of reminiscences of a California childhood. Lagier, who teaches at MPC and is well known in the area for her public poetry readings with Bonnie Gartshore and Laura Bayless, signed her new release last week at The Thunderbird Bookshop. Unfortunately, space was at a premium last week, and notice of the signing was deleted from this column at the last minute. Lagier's book is available at The Thunderbird Bookshop, The Barnyard Shopping Village, Carmel. For information, call 624-1803.

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SPEAKING OF The Thunderbird, its bookshop cafe's menu has been updated to a new "health-conscious" selection under new chef/manager **Ginna Bell Bragg**, who has been manager and event coordinator of the Whole Life Center at the bookshop. Ginna herself is the author of **"A Simple Celebration Cookbook,"** published in 1997 by Harmony Books. It can be found in the cookbook section at The Thunderbird Bookshop and retails for $23.

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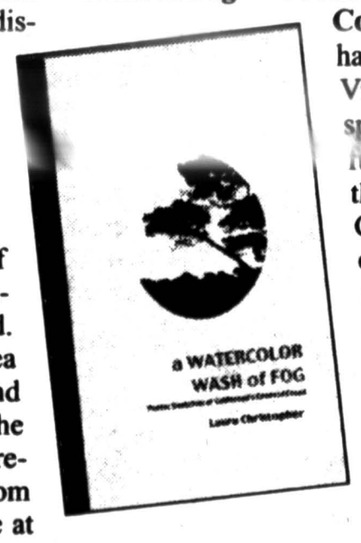
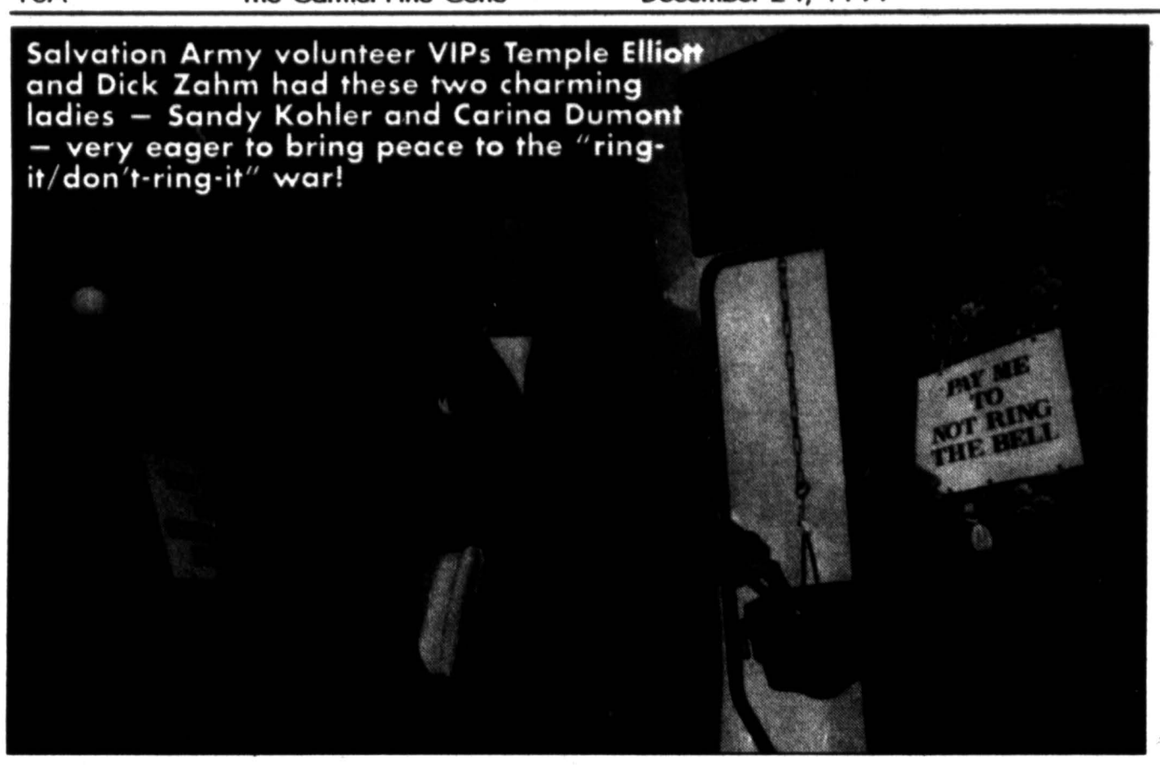
LAURA CHRISTOPHER, another local poet, has announced publication of her first book, **"A Watercolor Wash of Fog — Poetic Sketches of California's Central Coast."** Christopher, whose poems have appeared in The Pine Cone's Village Verse section, writes with spare simplicity, her words so skillfully selected and winnowed that the essence is captured on the page. Christopher's nature poems are divided into four locales: Carmel and Point Lobos, Pacific Grove and Asilomar State Beach, Monterey and Santa Cruz, and the Santa Cruz mountains. The book of 21 poems, designed by author Robert Campbell, sells for $10 at local bookshops.





Salvation Army volunteer VIPs Temple **Elliott** and Dick Zahm had these two charming ladies — Sandy Kohler and Carina Dumont — very eager to bring peace to the "ring-it/don't-ring-it" war!

'TIS THE SEASON TO GIVE PARTIES . . .

Dear Santa:

I know I'm running late with my social columnist's Christmas wish list but as usual, procrastination got in the way. So here's just a start for my desperate wishes:

1. For long titles of professions to be permanently banished. In fact, while we're at it, let's just have the option of three titles: VIP, almost-VIP and delusional VIP.

2. To be subjected only to live auctions of the following kind:

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- with highly desirable items so my heart doesn't break on behalf of the worthy cause when the darn things don't elicit even one bid.

3. For political correctness to take a hike. As an adult, you're either a bigot or you're not, regardless of the words you use, and few are fooled by the hypocrisy. It would cut my writing time in half.

4. For a very special seat to be reserved for me at fundraising meals. It will be as wide as two normal seats, with ample space around my plate to take notes and rest my camera. This way, I'll keep the utensils straight and knock over fewer glasses.

5. For a thesaurus compiled specifically for social columnists. It would include 999 different ways to say "fun" or "wonderful."

6. Last but most important, dear Santa, I want to keep meeting wonderfully wise, bright and mature individuals who don't take themselves seriously. That way I can continue to feel blessed upon returning home with a smile on my face.

People and Places

By Sissi Maleki

A GROUP that is very attached to its Christmas party location is **Yes for Carmel**. On Dec. 8th, members gathered at the Cypress Inn, packing the halls shoulder-to-shoulder.

Lee Chamberlin kept company with **Barbara Simmons** and **Mac Moss**. Mac has gone from being a banker to writing screenplays. Barbara, on the other hand, has found a few more hours to add to the 24-hour day and uses them up (when she's not up to her neck in real estate stuff) to challenge herself on the Carmel Business District Advisory Committee.

Carole Champion shared with **Paula Hazdovac** and **Anne Schurman** the secret of getting good deals in Las Vegas: Learn to play seven-card stud! And Anne, whose daughter is currently working at the Bellagio there, was definitely going to look into it! **Pat** and **Jay Sinclair** were still a bit skittish from the trauma of "surviving a renovation" which included being partially roofless, and dealing with cold showers.

Corky and **Glen Duke**, transplants from New York, shared their reason for moving here. They used to see — from the window of their co-op in New York City's Sutton Place — Irving Berlin being wheeled along the sidewalk by his nurse, day after day, with obviously no views but asphalt and tall buildings. Corky and Glen quickly decided that that was not going to happen to them!

Headed in another direction is **Charlie Williams**, with his plan to spend part of the year in Costa Rica while his wife **Elaine** takes over his business duties here. What I first thought was a joke, actually turned out to be the reality: Charlie is determined to seek adventures. "I don't want to sit on a porch," he patiently explained. "I want to live it up and my wife is willing to support me in this." Hats off to Elaine, though she insists he deserves it. She may be right — if the fact that he's taking with him 500 shoes and 1,000 lbs. of baby clothes to donate to kids down there is any indication of his nature . . .

Carmel Heritage Society: Members going to the annual Christmas party on Dec. 9th had an extra treat in store for them at the Murphy House, where the group is based. The new exhibit of the late ironsmith Francis Whitaker's work had everyone in the packed crowd straining to look at all the displayed pieces.

Scheduling the exhibit was actually the catalyst for a huge tribute to Whitaker coming up on Jan. 16th at the Carmel Women's Club. Many of his relatives will be coming from all over.

The society's come a long way this past year. Not only was the Murphy House com-

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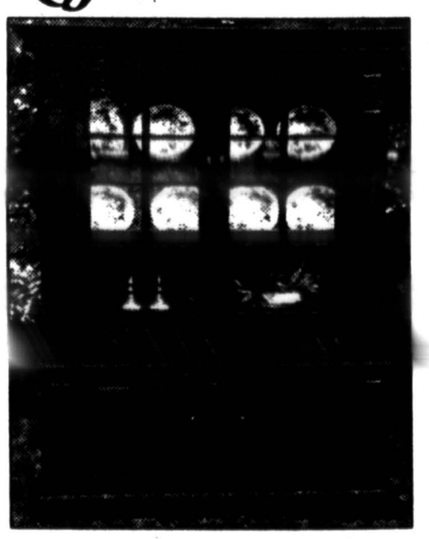

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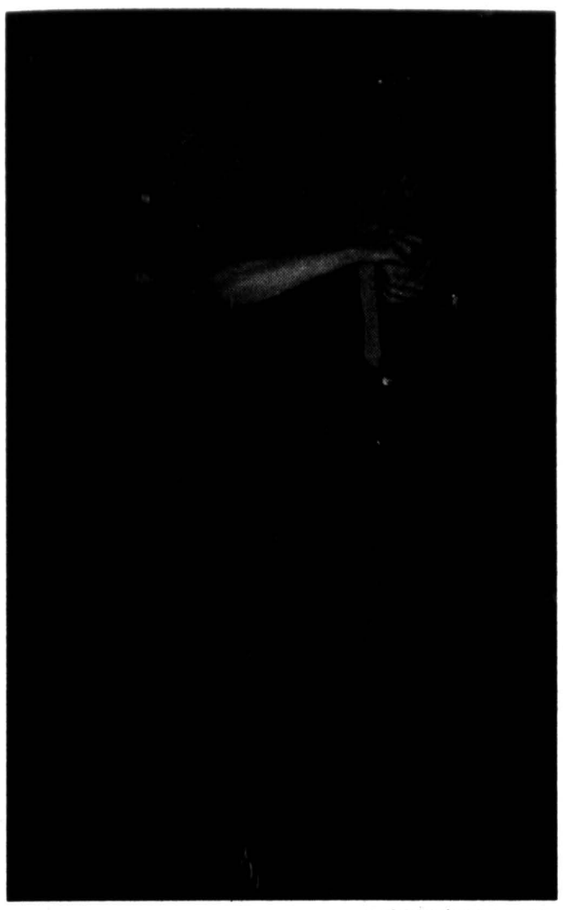

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Carole Dooley and Congressman Sam Farr dancing almost all the way to the voting polls during the Feast for AIDS. Who had whom wrapped around their finger?

pletely spruced up by board members such as **Jan Fisher,** but the society just received a $2,000 grant to build up an Arts and Crafts reference librar — an inspiration of the Carmel Cottage Society.

I was most impressed to find out that Jan and her hubby **Bob**, a retired professor of art history, had just spent three weeks on a private jet that visited 11 countries. How did Bob luck out that way? He was "working" by lecturing — at 39,000 feet!

The merry crowd included folks like **Onnette** and **George McElroy** (whose dad was actor George Marion), **Joe** and **Louise Tanous, M.C. Hudgens, Yvonne Johnson Axene** and **Judy Concolino.**

Cappy Martin had spent his whole day picking persimmons from his San Juan Bautista property. Turns out his persimmons are so good, they've won first prize at the San Benito County Fair for 15 years straight!

Carmel Woods Neighborhood Association: Dec. 12th was the night many Carmelites found themselves transported to where Santa Claus undoubtedly rests between deliveries. This happens to be the home — or property, I should say — of **Fred Nelson** and wife **Karyl Hall**, wondrously decorated for the holidays.

At the Christmas party organized by **Richard Warren** for the CWNA, everybody from Mayor **Ken White** and wife **Jean**, to association president **Jean Mahoney**, to "Santa Claus" **Johnny Lagomarsino** and wife **Geri** were there to experience the magic of Christmas as it should be. Even the 1906 Door House that the Nelsons rescued was gloriously dressed up. And for those who know their Nutcracker, there was even the "growing tree" — which rose as guests watched!

Others there included **Bill** and **Mary Cox**, **John** and **Eileen King, Natalie** and **Earl Collison**, and **Rob** and **Marcie Rustad**.

By the end of the evening, the hosts were particularly grateful that no fuse had blown (which was the case before the party) and that they didn't set the deck on fire as they did last year when heat from ashes in a bucket burned right through the redwood. Santa was watching over them this year . . .

■ Monterey museum offers up miniatures for Christmas

Monterey Museum of Art members got quite a bit of Christmas shopping done on Dec. 8th with their chance to win bids on countless exquisite miniature works of art. As visitor **Susie Sarpkaya** observed, "It's wonderful and every year it gets better!"

Former museum president **Mary Green** was there with hubby **Ross**. They're celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary for a whole year. You see, they met 50 years ago this past September. Then he popped the question on New Year's Day and they wed in June!

Ran into photographer **John McCleary** who's busy these days compiling material for a "culture encyclopedia of the '60s and '70s." In other words, as he puts it, "a hippy dictionary." Cooool . . .

*See **PEOPLE** on page 13A*

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Bates off on 'round-the-world cruise; café stays open

WE HAVEN'T had a run-down of local restaurant news for some time, so to catch up, read on:

BILL & LEI Lei Bates will be taking a breather from their busy **Bates Cafe** on Mission at Sixth, Carmel, when the whole family takes off on a three-month round-the-world cruise on the QE2. Bill will be sketching ports-of-call on the voyage, drawings which will be published in book form for lucky passengers at cruise end. Although the Bates Cafe is closed right now, it opens again on Jan. 2 with Alberto and Veronica Banos, both formerly of The Tuck Box, chefing and serving, respectively. Bill and Lei Lei will be back at their posts in the cafe on May 1 after their luxury cruise. Bill's new book of cartoons — drawn in the past few years for The Pine Cone — is now available at local bookstores and at The Pine Cone office, Mission at Fourth, Carmel.

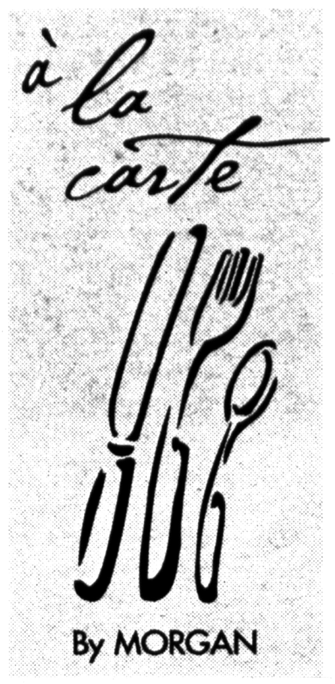
LOUTAS ON MISSION will be opening this Sunday, Dec. 26, after several months of renovating the old **L'Escargot** on Mission near Fourth. **Kerry Loutas** is excited that the opening will be happening this weekend after what seemed like endless retrofitting. He says they'll be having a "soft opening Sunday, with a modest New Year's Eve." Loutas will start with four or five selections, a couple of chicken dishes (there will be black truffles in the chicken in cream sauce entrée), a petite filet mignon and a poached salmon in sorrel cream. Later — perhaps two weeks into January — Loutas will offer an inexpensive four-course *prix fixe* dinner on Tuesdays, Wednesday and Thursdays for around $22. Reservations can be made by calling 620-1942.

PAOLO & SYLVIA (**Paolo Kautz and Sylvia Medina**, a husband and wife restaurant team and former owners of Taste Cafe in P.B.), are busy rehabilitating a pizza place in Carmel Valley Village which they will open as **Cafe Rustica** in "a couple of months," according to Sylvia. Paolo, who is doing a lot of the physical labor, has just put in a cobblestone patio that will seat about 25 diners. This is another restaurant that had hoped for an earlier opening (they were shooting for November), but was delayed by endless renovation and lack of plumbers and electricians. Sylvia told us the menu will be "rustic with European flavors." She and Paolo are planning a "family-friendly restaurant, moderately priced, featuring wood-burning oven pizzas, wonderful salads and sandwiches, appetizers and in the evening, we'll feature some nice suppers," she told Morgan. Cafe Rustica will be located at 10 Delfino Place, off Carmel Valley Road. Wait for two months before making reservations.

BERTRAND BOUQUIN, owner of the elegant restaurant **Daniel** on East 65th Street in New York City, will commence in January as chef at **Club XIX** in the Lodge at Pebble Beach. **Hubert Keller**, co-owner of San Francisco's **Fleur de Lys** restaurant, will continue providing Club XIX with input, guidance and chefing during his frequent visits from S.F. In early December, Chef Hubert presided over a spectacular five-course dinner paired with five wines at "An Artful Pairing" with sculptor Richard MacDonald, whose sculptures graced the club and patio.

Each course was designed and plated artistically — each presentation a little work of art — and the truly superb pink grapefruit and vermouth sorbet served between the third and fourth courses, was presented in a unique manner: A brandy snifter, inverted on a dessert plate, held a tiny ball of sorbet aloft on its base, while *inside* the glass, a perfect rose was captured.

BENIHANA Restaurant will open in March at the same Heritage Harbor location occupied for so many years by the renowned **Ginza Restaurant** (136 Olivier St., Monterey). Property owner **Tom David** had hoped for an early December Benihana opening, but extensive renovation is taking longer than expected. Many locals recall with affection **K Nobusada**'s fabulously successfully Ginza restaurant. Morgan predicts an equally successful Benihana operation at Heritage Harbor. What a location! What a setting!



A RESTAURANT with a heart: **Taste Cafe and Bistro** on Forest at Prescott, Pacific Grove, is closed all this week so their loyal employees can spend Christmas with their families.

Taste reopens on Wednesday, Dec. 29.

DESPITE PREDICTED millennium fever, many local restaurants are still taking reservations for New Years's Eve. Give your favorite restaurant a call. You'll probably be in luck.

CORRECTION

THOSE STASHING wine for millennium celebrations, will be pleased to know that Rancho Cellars Fine Wine Merchants, 26340 Carmel Rancho Blvd., Carmel, still has in stock, in their Veuve Clicquot champagnes, the '90 La Grande Dame and the '88 Rosé. An article in last week's Food & Wine section indicated mistakenly that Rancho Cellars was out of these two sought-after wines.

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■ A house tour for Carmel Valley women

What better time to peek into people's homes than at Christmas when all is glittering and aglow? That's exactly what the **Carmel Valley Women's Club** thought when they held their Holiday Home Tour on Dec. 8th.

While **Harriet Busick, Valerie McKay, Barbara Babcock, Karen Redding** and others made certain everything looked absolutely spiffy, visitors such as **Hildegard Toplarski, Andrea Shukis** and **Barbara Poulin** looked around. For **Shirley Forsyth,** it was her very first house tour! Her friends **Dolores McGlochlin** and **Stephanie Culbert** tried to explain it away by claiming, "Shirley's just not nosy enough!"

Not so for **Bunny Filice, Ruth Bunning** and **Maxine Callinan** who absolutely "LOVE house tours!!" Particularly on a gorgeous day...

■ A Feast for AIDS

How else can you describe a sumptuous six-course dinner at a sellout charity gala benefiting the **Monterey County AIDS Project** on Dec. 12th?

Anyone who's ever been to the Feast for AIDS can attest to the exceptional dishes always prepared for this event by renowned local chefs. But what's become "de rigueur" is the glamour of this crowd — absolutely dazzling.

CSUMB's **Peter Smith**, there with wife **Sallie**, was admittedly a bit underdressed for the occasion but, as he pointed out, that day he had been faced with a dilemma: "Either dress twice for two parties or dress once for both!"

Kim Marcus with hubby **Bruce** was very prepared for this dinner: "I didn't eat all day!" Very smart cookie!

Seen wandering about all the tempting silent auction items were **Betsy and Philip Bliss, Cyrann Castle, Skip** and **Joan Keyzers, Mary Ann Leffel** and **Scott Eccher, Pat Ward** and **Greg Linder**.

Carmel's own **Roy Rogers** was holding court with his spectacular tales of his recent New Zealand jaunt: "It was a trip of a lifetime," he said. "When we hiked in the rain forest, it was just like Jurassic Park, and when we climbed the mountains, I expected to see Julie Andrews to appear singing!"

Amy Funt, chairing this event for the third time, attended to last minute details during the cocktail hour. I noticed that whenever she speaks of the AIDS challenge, her matter-of-fact earnestness is so compelling you can't help but straighten up and listen.

Both **Amy** and **John Juster**, longtime social worker at the hospice, made mention of the greater burden support services are faced with, now that AIDS patients live longer and require significant ongoing health care.

Amy's hubby **Peter** is back on track with his heavy Candid Camera schedule. Coming up in February will be one all-upon-request episode, and another where each gag is generated from a sitcom absurdity! Oh, and talk about generosity: For the live auction, where the chance to spend time on the Candid Camera set was offered up, Peter just kept pushing that bid higher and higher 'til he finally got it himself!!

On this evening, I bet **William Ashby** thought his wife **Grace** was about to be canonized by the MCAP gang. *Every*body was talking about how much work she had done for the event — even though she had declined to join any of the committees. Can she clone herself? I know a bunch of people who'd love to have her "not-volunteering" on behalf of their committee!

Dr. Jerome Rubin was present not only with his wife **Suellen** and assistant **Marcy LeVin**, but also with new partner, **Dr. Tom Bradley**. Suellen claims "he's a young Jerry" but I find it hard to believe anyone could be such a workaholic. By the way, the Rubins' daughter who's studying medicine just got a fellowship in the field of AIDS oncology and hematology at USC. Obviously, the Rubin family doesn't produce lightweights!

The statuesque beauty, **Carole Dooley**, had just filed papers to possibly challenge Democrat **Sam Farr** for his Congressional seat. And in the meantime, **Mary Margaret Graham** calmly took in all the activity around her. Can you believe she actually won a grant to paint in India last year for five weeks? Next, she'll be heading to Kathmandu. Seriously!

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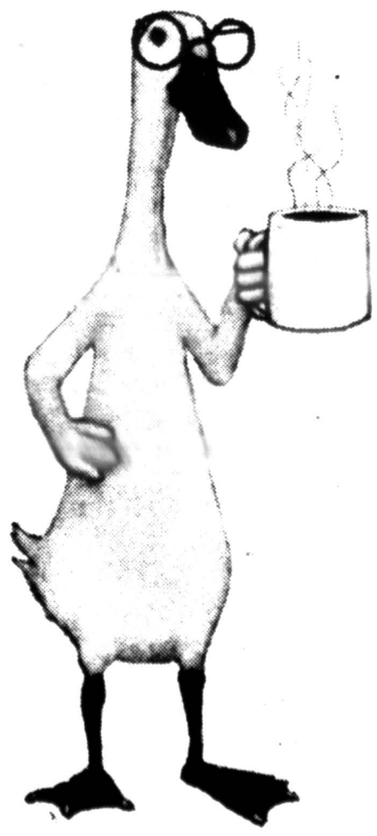
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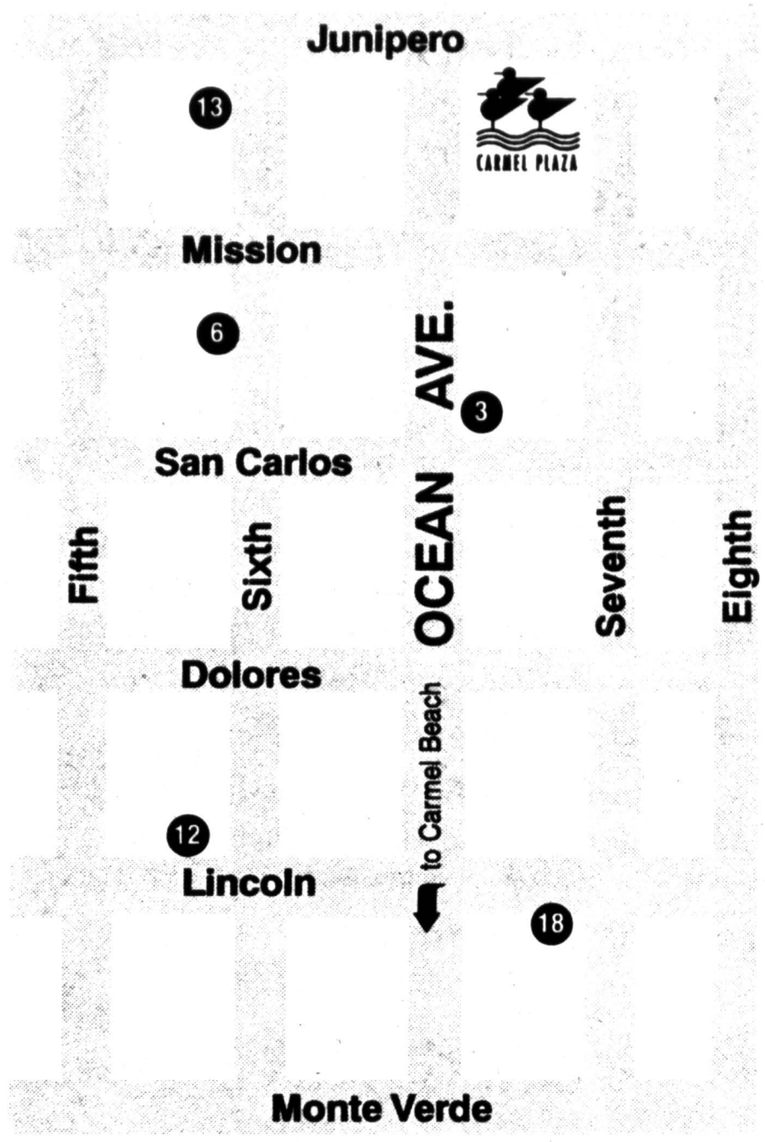

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Sea Scribes exhibit calligraphic works at Tillie Gort's

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Whimsical animal paintings set holiday mood at restaurant

ORIGINAL HOLIDAY illustrations by Kirsten Carlson will be shown at Restaurant 211 in The Crossroads through Jan. 3.

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Y2K

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after 8 p.m. Dec. 31.

Several additional officers have already offered to come to work that night and "some will be on call — they're not going out and celebrating like most people would," Spicer added.

Millennium-style celebrations — not computer shutdowns or power outages — are the police department's greatest concern.

"It is a Y2K celebration and it's on a weekend, which makes it interesting, primarily because people will be partying," he said. "If they get a little rowdy, we might come in and calm them down."

Extra patrols will be made through the business and residential districts, and some officers will check out goings-on in town on foot, according to Spicer.

Fire and ambulances

The Carmel Fire Department will be staffed at normal levels on New Year's Eve, but two additional command officers will be on standby should they be needed, according to a memo from Fuselier to the City Administrator Jere Kersnar.

Carmel Regional Fire Ambulance will add two ambulances — one at Carmel's fire station and another at the Mid Carmel Valley Fire Department — for the evening.

"Basically, it's business as usual here, except we'll have an extra ambulance," said CFD administrative coordinator Leslie Fenton. "It's pretty boring — I guess we don't think much is going to happen."

Staff from the Public Works and Forest and Beach departments will be on call as well, according to Public Works Director Jim Cullem.

Cullem will carry his pager and cell phone with him during the evening's revelry, and said he will not really relax until the clock strikes midnight without any disaster.

"I'm going to be over in Monterey, partying it up, but obviously I won't get too excited until after midnight and I don't get any calls and I know everything's okay," he said.

Public Works will handle Y2K preparation much as it would a large storm, according to Cullem.

"For us, it's pretty much the same situation as a typical winter storm," he said. "We're not too sensitive to computer shutdowns and those types of incidents," he said.

Power outages or disruptions to telephone service don't concern Public Works much, either.

"The worst case would be if the electricity and telephone communications are out," be said. "But that's not unusual in a winter storm."

Should things get out of control on New Year's Eve, Carmel is equipped with an Emergency Operations Center where the heads of each department can meet to discuss how to handle mounting emergencies.

The room, located beneath the police department's headquarters, is equipped with a generator and communications equipment, according to Cullem.

"If the amount of damage or rate of emergencies is occurring more quickly than we can handle them as separate agencies, that's when we would activate the center," he said. "There we can prioritize and focus on the more critical problems. It gives us a top-end focus and enables us to utilize other resources from mutual aid or from county, state or federal agencies."

The mutual aid system allows Peninsula cities and Monterey County to call on each other in case of an emergency.

If things are quiet in town, Carmel police officers will be available to lend a hand elsewhere.

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SAL

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Café, Boylan said.

He spent a few years in Maui, where he became the first wine steward at Longhi's restaurant in Lahaina, helping the restaurant's wine sales "go through the roof," Boylan said.

After returning to Carmel he opened a shop called Carmel Cutting at Mission Street and Sixth with partner Terry Armstrong.

Five years later he took over Mickey of Carmel, changing the name to "Sal the Barber," at San Carlos Street and Seventh Avenue.

His shop soon became a popular spot for locals.

"It was a unique barber shop," Boylan said. "Your eyes would travel around the walls looking at art from Michelangelo to Picasso to pictures of the Rolling Stones. There would always be something eye-catching."

Many stopped by his shop just to say hi and to find out the latest news. "He was the inside gossip columnist," his friend, Richard Pepe, remembered. "If you wanted to know anything about the town you would just call Sal."

An old-fashioned barber, he was willing to make house calls to cut hair for children or folks who weren't feeling well.

Mr. Greco, who looked at life as a gift, took the time to enjoy it. Boylan remembered that his friend would often close the barber shop for two or three hours at lunch to give him time to take a leisurely stroll on the beach or drive to Salinas for an authentic Mexican meal.

"He lived in the moment," said daughter Cassandra Koopmans. "He had two speeds — slow and stop. He was never in a hurry for anything."

Friends described Mr. Greco as wise — knowledgeable about art, history and the deeper meaning of life.

"Whenever you were with him you went away from that encounter with learning something," said Pepe. The wisdom he had was his greatest wealth."

Mr. Greco was fond of telling stories — little fables — as a way to share his wisdom with his friends, Pepe said.

An energetic man, he enjoyed traveling the world, playing tennis and running his barbershop until the last year of his life when his liver condition worsened.

Last October he underwent a liver transplant at USC Medical Center. His 18-year-old son, Gianni, assistant director at the Carmel Youth Center, donated 60 percent of his liver to his father for the transplant

Although the shop was sold a year ago, the well-known sign, "Sal the Barber," will remain, Boylan said.

Mr. Greco is survived by his sons, Christopher, of Maui, and Gianni, of Monterey; daughters Mary, of Pacific Grove, and Cassandra, a resident of Carmel Valley; and grandson, Tanner, also of Carmel Valley.

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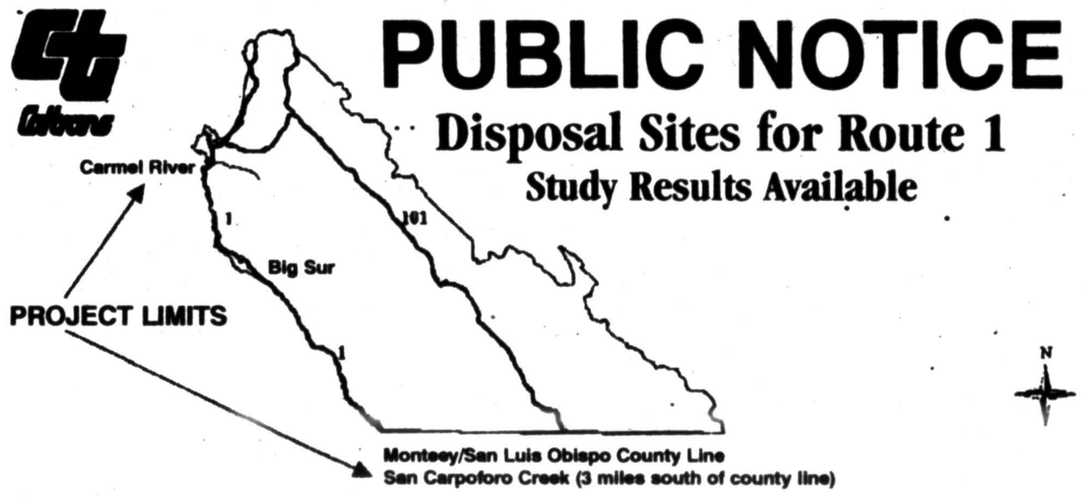


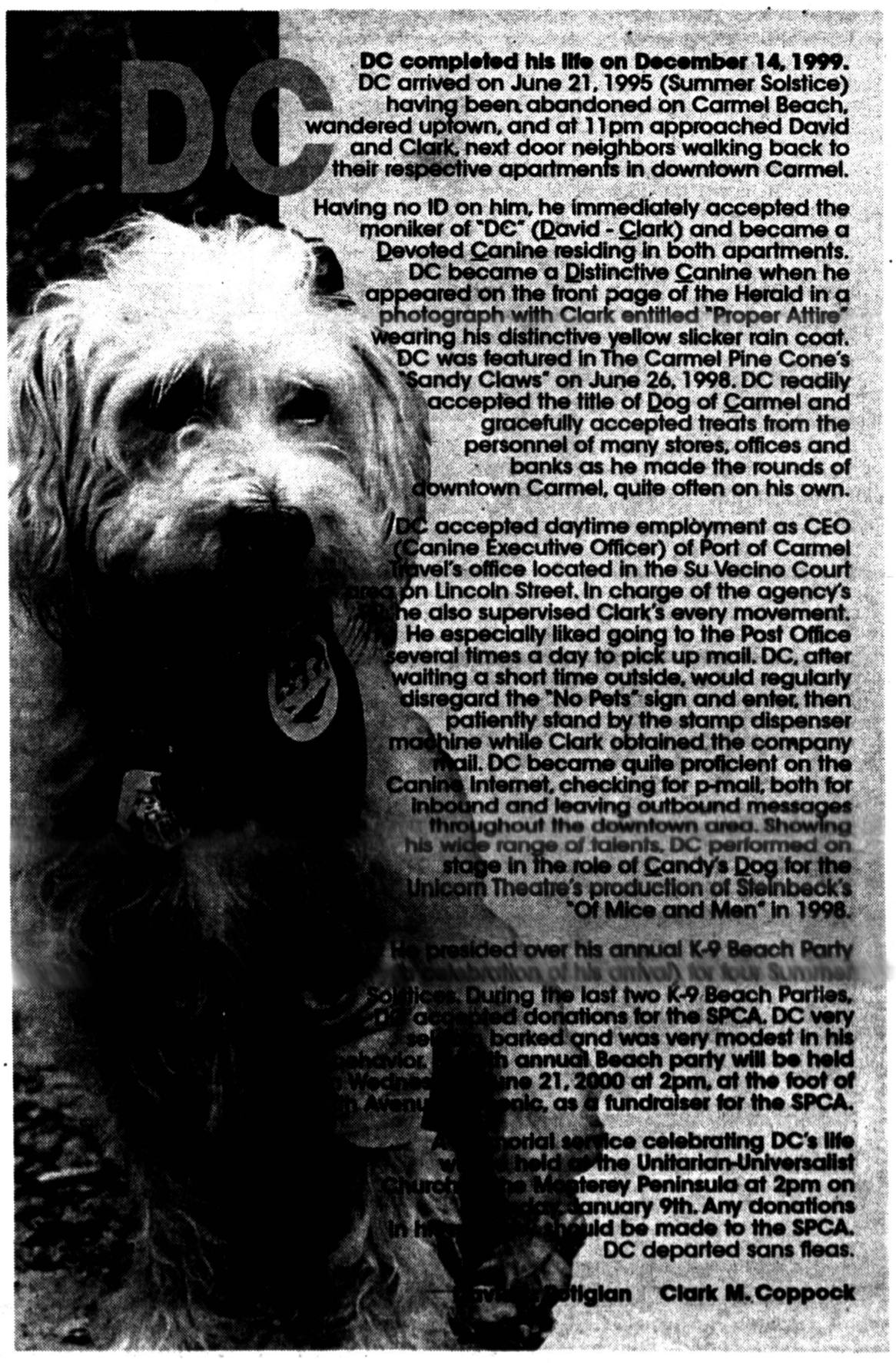
WHAT'S BEING PLANNED CALTRANS (California Department of Transportation) is proposing to designate disposal sites for soil and debris generated by naturally occurring events, such as landslides, allowing for the continued safe operation and maintenance of Highway 1 in the coastal area near Big Sur. The proposed project considers the 72-mile corridor from the San Carpoforo Creek Bridge in San Luis Obispo County to the Carmel River in Monterey County. The proposed work will potentially encroach on wetlands. The project is being evaluated to determine if there are any practical alternatives to avoid this encroachment or, if not, to ensure that all practical measures are taken to minimize harm to the wetlands.

WHY THIS AD An Initial Study for this proposed project has been prepared by CALTRANS. On the basis of this study, it is determined that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the environment. The proposed action includes measures to avoid impacts to sensitive species and its habitat, to minimize impacts from erosion and sedimentation of waterways and provides revegetation to mitigate impacts to native habitats and the viewshed. This notice is to inform you of the preparation of the Initial Study and of its availability for your review and comment.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE The Initial Study, maps, and other project information are available for review and copying at the CALTRANS District Office, 50 Higuera Street, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401 on weekdays from 8am to 5pm. The Initial Study is also available on the world wide web at http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/planning/index.htm, and at the Monterey County Library: 625 Pacific Street, Monterey, the Big Sur Branch Library: Highway 1, Big Sur, and the San Luis Obispo County Library: 995 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo.

WHERE YOU COME IN Do you have comments about processing the project with a Negative Declaration? Do you disagree with the findings of our study as set forth in the Initial Study document? Would you care to make any other comments on the project? Please submit your comments in writing no later than January 28, 2000 to: Ms. Aileen K. Loe, Environmental Planning Branch, Caltrans District 5, 50 Higuera Street, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401, or e-mail at Aileen_Loe@dot.ca.gov. If there are no major comments, CALTRANS will proceed with the environmental review process and project approval.

CONTACT For more information on this project, please contact Aileen Loe, Senior Environmental Planner, at (805) 549-3103, or e-mail at Aileen_Loe@dot.ca.gov. Individuals who require documents in alterative formats are requested to contact the District 5 Public Affairs Office at (805) 549-3111. TDD users may contact the California Relay Service TDD line at 1-800-735-2929 or Voice Line at 1-800-735-2922.



DC completed his life on December 14, 1999.
DC arrived on June 21, 1995 (Summer Solstice) having been abandoned on Carmel Beach, wandered uptown, and at 11pm approached David and Clark, next door neighbors walking back to their respective apartments in downtown Carmel.

Having no ID on him, he immediately accepted the moniker of "DC" (David - Clark) and became a Devoted Canine residing in both apartments. DC became a Distinctive Canine when he appeared on the front page of the Herald in a photograph with Clark entitled "Proper Attire" wearing his distinctive yellow slicker rain coat. DC was featured in The Carmel Pine Cone's "Sandy Claws" on June 26, 1998. DC readily accepted the title of Dog of Carmel and gracefully accepted treats from the personnel of many stores, offices and banks as he made the rounds of downtown Carmel, quite often on his own.

DC accepted daytime employment as CEO (Canine Executive Officer) of Port of Carmel Travel's office located in the Su Vecino Court area on Lincoln Street. In charge of the agency's [illegible] he also supervised Clark's every movement. He especially liked going to the Post Office several times a day to pick up mail. DC, after waiting a short time outside, would regularly disregard the "No Pets" sign and enter, then patiently stand by the stamp dispenser machine while Clark obtained the company mail. DC became quite proficient on the Canine Internet, checking for p-mail, both for inbound and leaving outbound messages throughout the downtown area. Showing his wide range of talents, DC performed on stage in the role of Candy's Dog for the Unicorn Theatre's production of Steinbeck's "Of Mice and Men" in 1998.

He presided over his annual K-9 Beach Party [illegible] for four Summer Solstices. During the last two K-9 Beach Parties, DC accepted donations for the SPCA. DC very [illegible] barked and was very modest in his behavior. [illegible] annual Beach party will be held Wednesday, June 21, 2000 at 2pm, at the foot of [illegible] Avenue and Scenic, as a fundraiser for the SPCA.

A memorial service celebrating DC's life will be held at the Unitarian-Universalist Church of the Monterey Peninsula at 2pm on Sunday, January 9th. Any donations in his memory should be made to the SPCA.
DC departed sans fleas.

[illegible] Boylan Clark M. Coppock

PELICAN HEARS CALL OF THE WILD, RETURNS TO THE OCEAN

By TAMARA GRIPPI

A SICK pelican that had been recuperating at the SPCA's wildlife center for the last month wasted no time after being released at Carmel Beach Dec. 17 — he took one step outside the carrier, lifted his wings and was happily settled on the ocean's surface within a matter of moments.

The bird, which was unable to fly just a month ago, made good use of his time at the SPCA facility, eating smelt — "a lot of them," said wildlife technician Jessica Wolfe.

The battered and bruised bird was found wandering, too weak to fly, in the area of Carmelo and Santa Lucia on Nov. 22.

The SPCA veterinarians didn't find the bird had any specific injuries. He just needed "a little rest and relaxation," Wolfe said.

He had probably just taken a beating from the huge waves produced by a series of November storms, according to Wolfe.

The SPCA tried to release the bird three weeks ago, but when he had some trouble swimming in the waves, wildlife rehabilitator Juliet Toby quickly realized she would have to rescue him a second time.

So after another rest period at the SPCA, the 4-year-old bird was finally ready to return to his watery home.

Toby was pleased to watch the pelican make it out past the surf zone into the calmer waters. "He hasn't flown for a while, so it's going to take a little time for him to stretch out his wings," she said.

Pelicans are frequent visitors at the SPCA this time of year. Victims of heavy surf or lack of food, they are often too weak to survive without some assistance. Since November, the SPCA has taken care of 10 to 15 pelicans, Toby said.

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LION

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available for the lions in the Del Monte Forest, which allows them to stay a safe distance from people and residences.

"People need to be aware there are wild animals here," O'Donovan said. Besides mountain lions, the Carmel area is home to bobcats, raccoons, opossum, deer, red and gray foxes, coyotes, owls and other birds of prey.

Two mountain lions have been hit by cars along local highways in the last 10 years. In one incident along Holman Highway, a motorist breathed a sigh of relief after nearly hitting a deer only to realize, seconds later, that he had hit the mountain lion that had been chasing the deer, O'Donovan said.

Mountain lions are expert predators and pose a threat to humans, wildlife experts say. While there haven't been any reports of mountain lions attacking people locally, a woman jogging through a heavily wooded area in Cool — a town near Auburn in El Dorado County — was killed by a mountain lion in April 1994, O'Donovan said.

"Never run [from a mountain lion]," O'Donovan said. "It triggers an automatic response in the cat."

The police also advise that people who encounter a mountain lion should not break eye contact with the animal and should back away.

"You can extend your arms or hold your coat open to make yourself look as large as possible," O'Donovan said. "If an attack ever does occur, what you need to do is protect your neck."

The California Department of Fish and Game provides a set of guidelines for living safely around mountain lions.

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The Golden Years

By Myles Williams

Heart disease is prominent in our country today, despite research and patient awareness. A good diet, limited alcohol consumption, no smoking and other factors can eliminate some of the risks. Angioplasty is one of the techniques that have been developed for excellent cardiac care. Angioplasty is a procedure used to widen blocked coronary arteries and improve blood flow to the heart by threading an inflatable balloon through the arteries. Current angioplasty procedures are proving more successful than drug therapies with elderly heart attack patients. A recent study conducted at Yale University showed angioplasty patients had a twenty-seven percent lower risk of death after thirty days and nineteen percent lower risk of death after one year, compared to patients taking clot dissolving medicine.

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Growing older can bring out the pirates in all of us. Will Hansen and Ted Trella–58 and 61 years old, respectively–dive for sunken 'treasure' by retrieving golf balls from lakes and ponds on resorts and private clubs all along the East Coast. The men retrieve between two thousand and three thousand balls a day, all in good condition. They sell their 'treasures' for $3.60/dozen and so far, the only job hazard has been coming face to face with a twelve-foot alligator and numerous snapping turtles.

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OPINION

Editorial

California's past — and its future

THE VANDAL who defaced the statue of Father Junipero Serra at the north end of town might have been making a political statement. But we doubt it. A recent poll of Californians showed that few know even the most basic facts about their state's present, much less its past.

If our vandal attended school in California, he learned all about Father Serra in the fourth grade. But that's the only year the state's school kids learn about the history of the fascinating, complex and colorful place they call home.

The paint-wielding malcontent had to be at least a teenager, which means there probably wasn't much left in his cranium of the history he picked up no less than six or eight years before.

He was very likely unaware, therefore, that the man depicted in wood by sculptor Jo Mora was none other than the founder of modern California in whose footsteps more than 34,000,000 people have followed. And plenty more are coming. The state's population is projected to hit 45 million in another 20 years.

We doubt that these facts were in his mind as the vandal did his work.

But perhaps we don't give him enough credit. He may have been upset about the disappearance of the pre-European Californians who were displaced by the hordes led by Father Serra. Truly, this aspect of our state's history — and our nation's — is something to be ashamed of. If the vandal had that in mind, he should say so.

On the other hand, he could be one of those who aren't embarrassed about enjoying life in this gorgeous corner of the Earth, but who object to so many other people having the same idea. It's human nature to see one's own life as virtuous and the very similar lives of others as scandalous. Many people, for example, think it's terrible that the Carmel River dries up every summer — harming native flora and fauna — but they still want water to come out when they turn on their shower at home.

Or perhaps the vandal just returned from a trip to Southern California, where a horrible megalopolis has taken over nearly every inch of the landscape from the San Fernando Valley to San Diego. It seems scarcely possible that all those buildings have gone up in just the last 100 years, but they have. The vandal may have wished to register his objections.

The transformation of California from untouched wilderness to the world's most coveted — and most complex — human habitat is one of the biggest changes that has occurred on the earth in this century. Managing the state's continued growth will be one of the biggest challenges of the next century.

Vandalizing the symbol of the man who set California on its path of explosive development and growth won't help deal with that challenge, but studying his life and the events he set in motion certainly will.

BATES

"Did Serra make the cut?"

Letters to the Editor

The Pine Cone encourages submission of letters which address issues of public importance. The Pine Cone will not edit letters but reserves the right to determine which letters are suitable for publication. Letters should not exceed 350 words, and must include the author's signature, name, telephone number and street address. Please do not send us letters which have been submitted to other newspapers.

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Flanders family on the mansion

Dear Editor,

Having just read the articles in the Pine Cone — on your web site — I'm overcome by a sense of déjà vu reflecting on the debates over Outland [now called the Flanders Estate], and the attempts by the executor of my grandmother's estate to either sell the house and property as a whole, or to subdivide. Your back issues running from January 1967, when Grace Flanders died, to the early '70s when the estate was finally settled, would remind you of the dreary and protracted debates regarding the disposition of the property.

I recollect correspondence with Paul Jordan, the executor, in which he stated, in 1967, that at least $100,000 would be required to remedy the deferred maintenance issues. It will take somebody with truly deep pockets to own and maintain the house and whatever grounds remain attached. I wish the citizens of Carmel well in their efforts.

John Flanders Plunkett
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Election will be your chance

Dear Editor,

Your story last week about Mayor White's candidacy for a fifth term got me thinking about the clear choices that will be available in April's election — assuming somebody steps forward to run against him.

He voted, after all, to let Gaspar Cardinale sell soup. He voted to sell or lease Flanders Mansion. And he's led the way on the renovation of Sunset Center. Let's hope he has some opposition so we can learn if the voters agree with his leadership.

Grace Whitsett, *Carmel*

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Generous Carmelites open hearts and wallets to woman with MS

By MARY BROWNFIELD

WHEN 33-YEAR-OLD Pacific Grove resident Jill Bell needed to undergo a $40,000 experimental procedure to help slow her rapidly progressing case of multiple sclerosis, her sister decided to see what she could do to help.

The result was an impressive display of the community's generosity summed up in a single evening of wine and cheese and a silent auction at All Saints Church in Carmel Dec. 11.

Through the auction of more than 100 items donated by local merchants and the generosity of 300 guests, a large amount of money was raised for the Jill Bell MS Fund, according to Bell's mother, Lyde Slayton.

"Altogether, we raised $30,000," she said. "That's a lot of money for one night of fun for everybody."

Even more amazing is the fact that the entire event — from the initial brainstorm to the moment when guests began to arrive — came together in less than three weeks.

"The outpouring of support from the community was incredible," said longtime family friend Jill Livingstone, who helped organize the fundraiser for Bell, her husband and their daughter. Vendors were calling the night before, asking to donate items for the auction, she said.

Although the money is greatly needed to help foot the bill for the highly experimental surgery — the blood plasma exchange was not covered by insurance — Slayton said the event did more for her daughter than ease financial pain.

"In addition to the money raised that night, the idea was that everyone would come together for this young couple and give her hope," she said. "Everyone was behind her, admired her spirit and will always be there to support her."

Locals gave generously toward medical treatment for P.G. resident Jill Bell, who suffers from multiple sclerosis.

During an evening of "many tears and beautiful smiles," Slayton said guests spanning four generations — from young children like Bell's 3-year-old daughter to a 95-year-old woman — celebrated Bell's life and her strength.

"They brought in people from her childhood. She was the first 8-year-old girl to play little league in Carmel Valley, so her coach was there," she said.

Bell's condition has forced her to learn a new way of life, Livingstone said. "She has had MS for five years — the really nasty, rapidly progressing kind — and has had to learn to adapt to living in a wheelchair," she said. "She's paralyzed from mid-chest down."

Hopes for the experimental treatment are high, according to Livingstone. "We're hoping that the blood plasma exchange slows the progression. She's such a brave young woman who handles herself with such dignity and never complains," she said.

And while the event was intended to help raise money for Bell's treatment, the 300 guests who attended were just that — guests.

"The family didn't want to charge — they just wanted to invite people — and it was still an overwhelming success," Livingstone said. "And the feeling of goodwill that came out of it was worth more than the money."

Contributions can be made to the Jill Bell MS Fund at the First National Bank of Central California in Carmel Rancho.

CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA

COMMUNITY PLANNING AND BUILDING

PUBLIC NOTICE

Due to the increasing volume of applications, permits, and requests for research and general information, the Department of Community Planning and Building will be closing to the public on Friday afternoons beginning 14 January 2000.
The Friday afternoon closures will enable staff to work uninterrupted, to efficiently complete assignments, and better serve the community.

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All classes are held at Community Hospital unless otherwise noted. The Hartnell Professional Center, identified as HPC, is located at 576 Hartnell Street across from the main Post Office in downtown Monterey. Classes will be cancelled 48 hours before course date if less than five people have registered. Most events are free and do not require registration unless otherwise noted.

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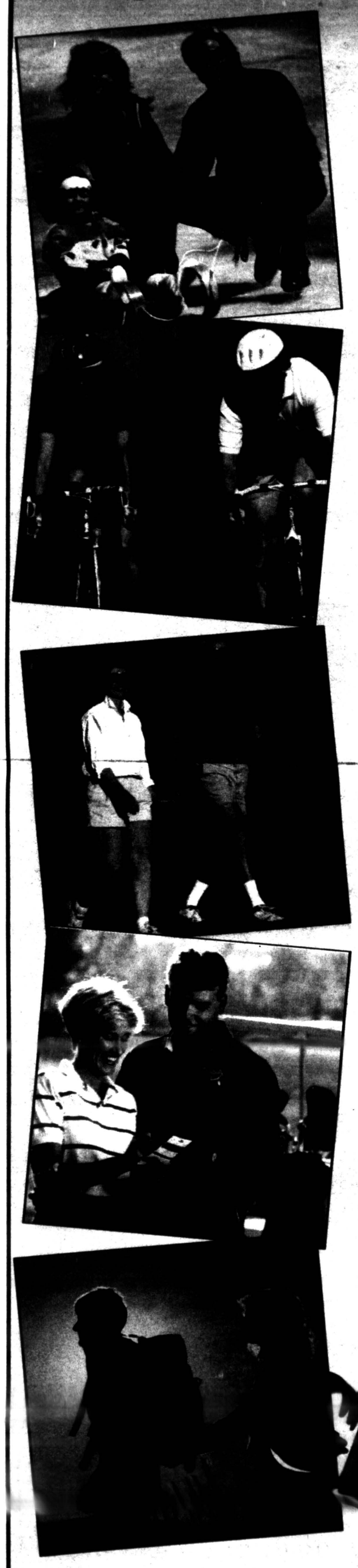

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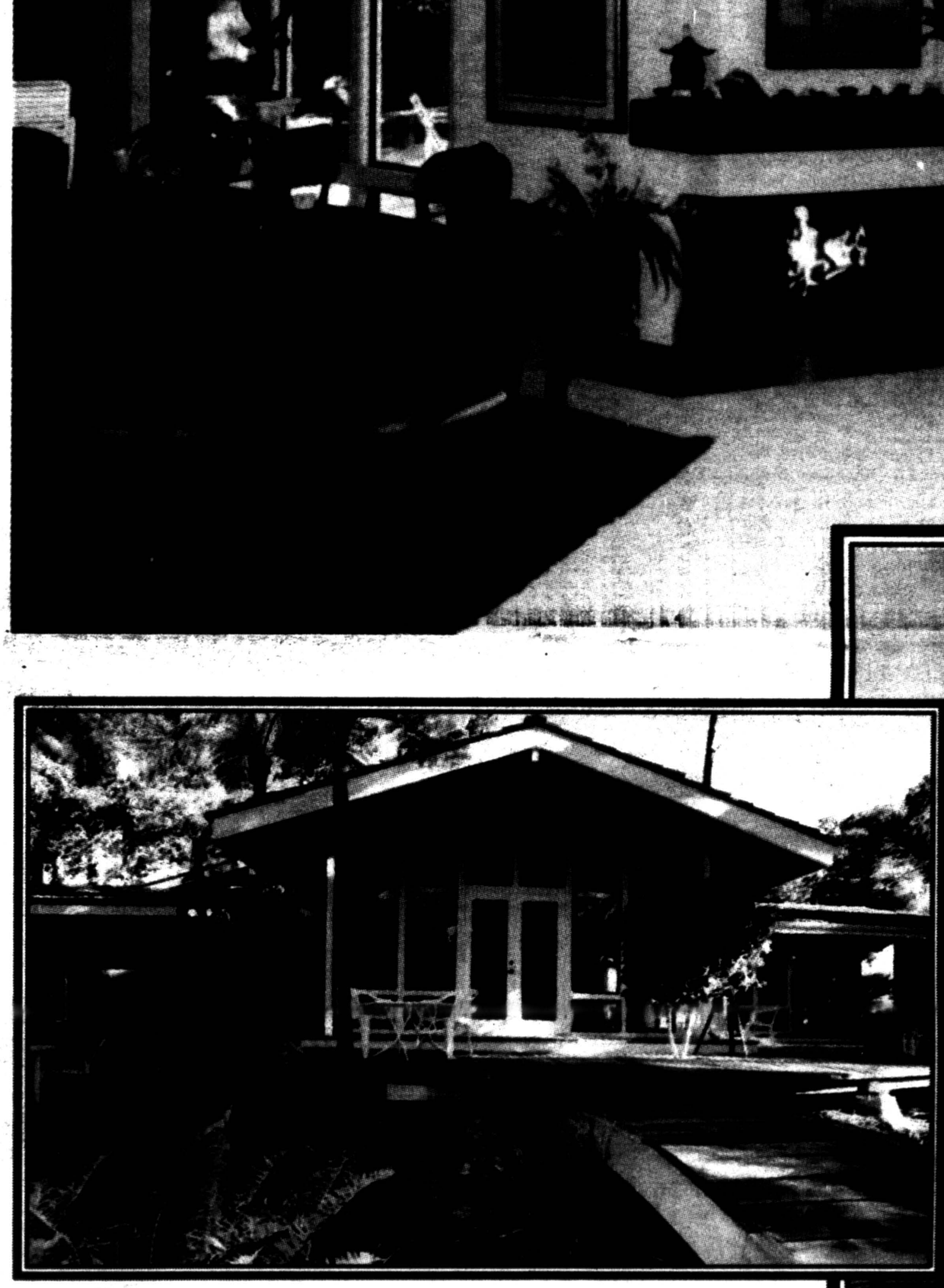

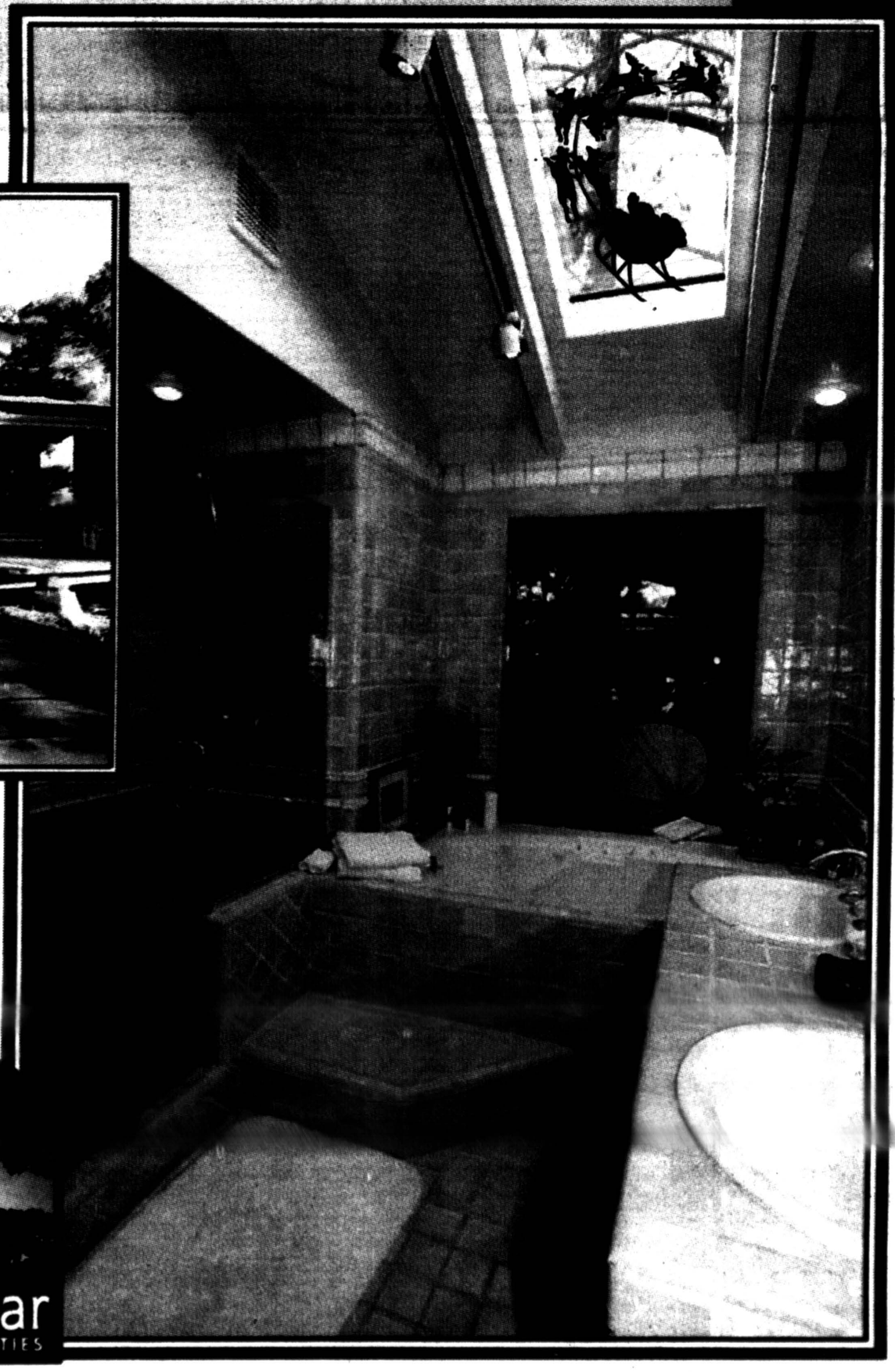

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- State Parks will start rehab project for redwoods
- This week's cover home presented by John Saar Properties (see page 2)

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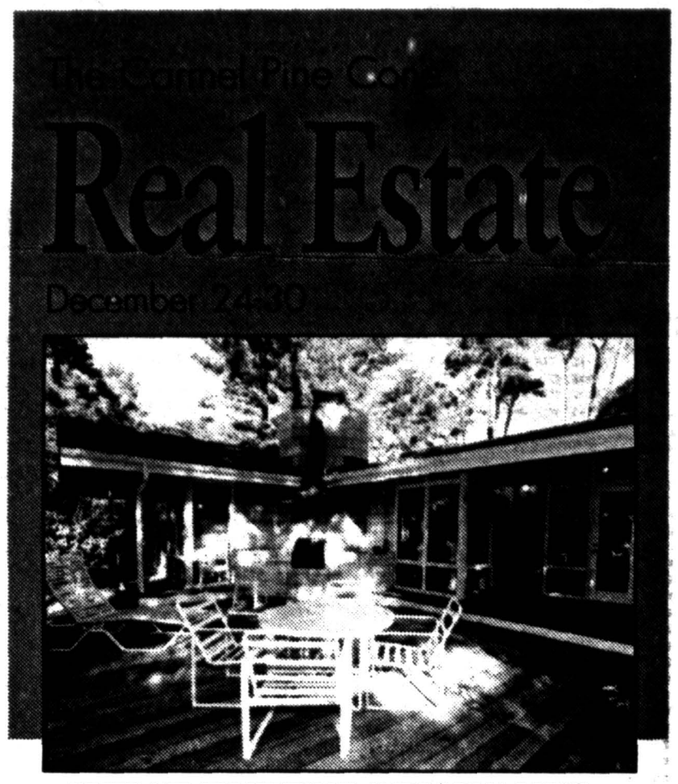

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Roland M Mace to Mary F Hearn
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A Joseph Bedell to Peter S & Rosemary A Wittlinger
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Erven L & Barbara A Torell Tr to Ovanes Berberian

CARMEL - SOUTH COAST

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CARMEL VALLEY

102 LAUREL DR: $440,000
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"Carmel Legends"

One of the problems afflicting the Carmel Post Office at this time of year is the presence in our community of one MR. S. CLAUS. Actually his name is SIMON, but many people (including some children) insist on misreading that. And therefore Mr. Claus gets scads of mail at this time of year, further clogging up the holiday laden traffic. The truth is, he occupies a substantial igloo at the Far North of Carmel, near the Father Serra statue. He employs a number of Elves who work diligently throughout the season, mostly answering the mail and creating sugar plums. (They are licensed by Harry & David as exclusive manufacturers of these delicacies). Mr. Claus explains that he was drawn to Carmel some years ago by the temperature of the ocean water which, he says, is roughly equivalent to the offshore tides at Point Barrow, his former home. "I decided to retire," he says, "after a few lifetimes of making and delivering toys to good little girls and boys around the world. And chose Carmel." Well, that makes sense to us. We have always believed in SANTA CLAUS, and his decision confirms our faith. "I intend to stay here," he added "though I would appreciate it if you don't noise this about."

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CARMEL - MASTERPIECE IN THE MAKING

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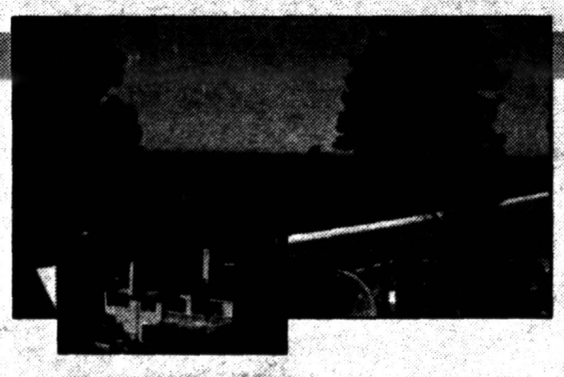
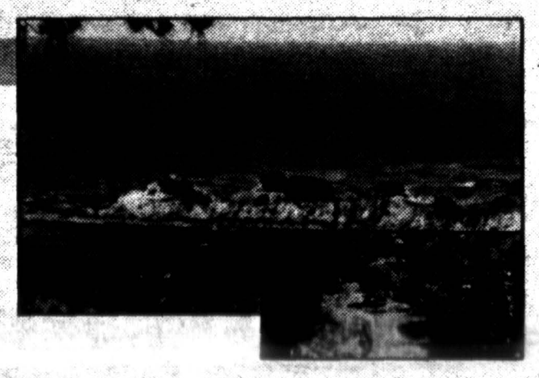


CARMEL HIGHLANDS - "SEA FOR YOURSELF"

SPACIOUS HOME with sea views from almost every room! Located just minutes from Carmel on famous Spindrift Road is this light and bright home built with all the modern conveniences. It includes 3 bedrooms, 3-1/2 baths, family room, kitchen with breakfast room, loft/office, sunroom and view decks. The oceanview master bedroom has a fireplace. On a beautifully landscaped, fenced southfacing .4-acre lot with brick paths. A treasure for years to come. $1,395,000. Tim Allen & Greg Linder, (831) 214-1990, (831) 626-2221.

CARMEL HIGHLANDS - BREATHTAKING COASTAL VISTAS



ARE SEEN FROM THE VANTAGE of this spacious Highlands home. The 3-bedroom, 3-bath residence features soaring ceilings, floor-to-ceiling adobe fireplaces in the ocean-view living room and family room. Ocean scenes, too, are seen from the master and guest bedrooms. Abundant view decks and a garden terrace with striking Pacific vistas adorn this residence overlooking the cove & headlands at Yankee Point. $1,295,000. Tim Allen & Greg Linder, (831) 214-1990, (831) 626-2221.

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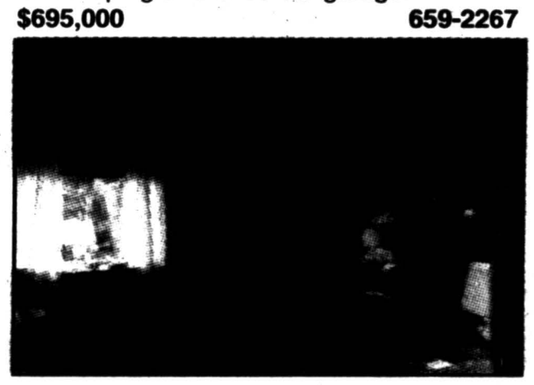
MONTEREY/SALINAS HWY — Gorgeous 4,800 sq.ft., five bedroom, four bath contemporary home with outstanding views of Monterey Bay. This home features an expansive floor plan, living room with fireplace and game room with wet bar. Extensive decking, enclosed hot tub and spacious back yard with volleyball court and horseshoe pit make this home ideal for entertaining. Professional landscaping and three car garage.
$695,000 **659-2267**



CARMEL — Old two bedroom, two bath knotty pine cottage on an oversized seven thousand square foot lot overlooking Mission Trail Canyon. Upstairs a very large deck stretches the length of the house. Downstairs is the second bedroom and bath with its own entrance. The exposure is sunny, open, and private. A fireplace warms the living room when the fog rolls in.
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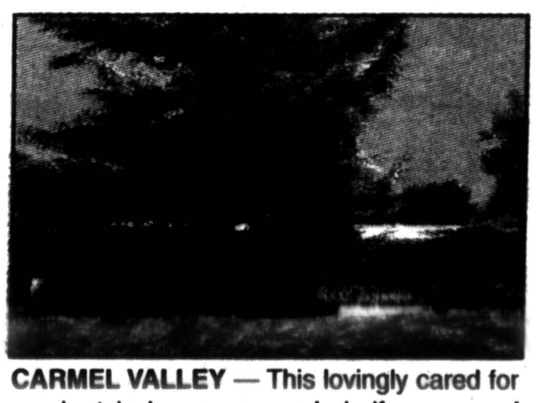

CARMEL VALLEY — This lovingly cared for ranch-style home on nearly half an acre of flat usable land reflects the life-style of the Valley at its best. The home has two bedrooms, two baths, large kitchen and dining area, a two-plus car garage, shaded front porch, cozy guest quarters with its own bath, and lots of privacy. Short drive to Carmel Valley Village.
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REAL ESTATE

Trimming giant eucalyptus grove will cost plenty

By TAMARA GRIPPI

THE COST of trimming a massive stand of eucalyptus along Fourth Avenue in Carmel-by-the-Sea has been estimated at $130,000.

The estimate, prepared by Iverson Tree Service, includes cutting back limbs and topping 29 trees on city property between Monte Verde and San Antonio. Carmel City Forester Gary Kelly said he will be requesting funds to handle the project in next year's budget, which will be adopted in July.

The city will then put the pruning project out to bid; and Kelly is currently investigating other options to bring the enormous cost down.

But no matter how the trimming is handled it will be major undertaking, Kelly said.

"We're reducing the mass of the canopy, making the trees smaller by one-third," Kelly said. "We'll be cutting limbs back toward the trunk and topping."

Meanwhile, 17 residents who signed a petition asking the city to remove or severely trim the towering trees say they fear having to wait a little longer.

"We are concerned about safety of families and property," resident Vicky Bertolino said at a recent city council meeting. "There isn't any warning before branches come crashing down."

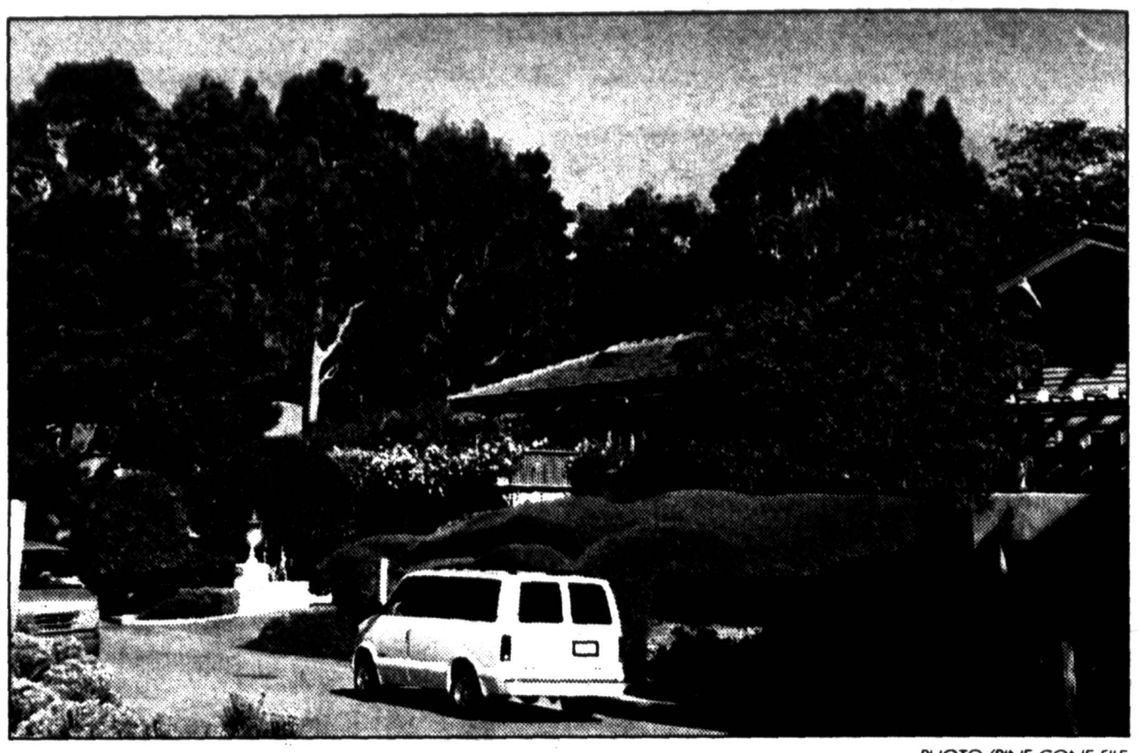
In the 15 years since the city last took on a major pruning project along Fourth Avenue the trees have remained pretty stable, according to Kelly.

"We've had very little limb failure and no tree failure," he said.

But on July 29 a large eucalyptus branch broke off without warning and came crashing down on resident Anita Stewart's roof. Stewart and her neighbors agreed that the unsettling incident was a wake-up call.

While Kelly agrees that the eucalyptus trees are probably due for another trimming, the trees aren't posing an immediate threat, he said.

"I gave them a pretty good inspection," Kelly said. "I can't find anything structurally significant with the trees. If I did, I would certainly take some action immediately."



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A row of 100-year-old eucalyptus trees along Fourth Avenue will be trimmed at a cost of more than $100,000 to Carmel taxpayers. Residents living beneath the trees' large limbs consider them a safety hazard, especially during strong winds from winter storms.

The eucalyptus grove along Fourth Avenue was planted in the early 1900s, along with a large stand of trees on the Golub property on San Antonio Avenue. The trees — which are native to Australia — were imported as a potential source of timber and as wind-breaks. But as the trees have aged they have become a hazard for residents of the area. Several privately owned trees have fallen during big storms in the last ten years. Also, dozens of volunteer eucalyptus have sprouted at the north end of Carmel Beach where they are slowly displacing native plants.

Residents of Fourth want the trees on public property removed and replaced with Monterey cypress or other native species.

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REAL ESTATE

State Parks gets grant to rehab redwoods

By MARY BROWNFIELD

PFEIFFER BIG Sur State Park's redwood groves will get a chance to recover from years of being trampled by eager hikers and campers with help from the California State Parks Foundation, which has earmarked $2,000 for habitat restoration in the park as part of its Earth Day 2000 Restoration and Cleanup grant program.

The money will be used to build a small greenhouse for sprouting native plants, according to Monterey's acting State Parks District Superintendent Ken Gray.

"We're going to be using that money to grow native plants for restoration of degraded habitats within Pfeiffer," he said. Several years from now, the park's very popular campsites located among towering redwoods on the south side of the Big Sur River will be moved to the north side of the river, allowing the groves to be restored, according to Gray.

In the meantime, he said, "$2,000 is enough to build a small greenhouse that will be in the park. It will set us up to continue to grow native plants for several years — the grant is kind of like seed money to get us started."

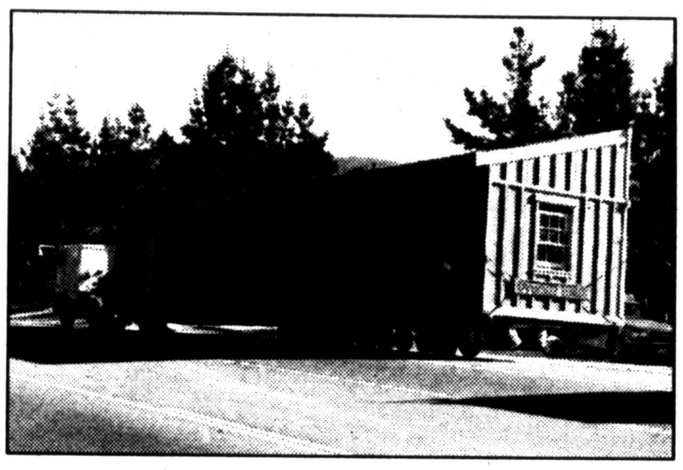
Along with redwoods, native plants comprising the "normal complement associated with redwood forests," including coast live oak, tanbark, redwood, California bay, cottonwoods and sycamores, will be sprouted in the greenhouse, according to Gray.

"The greenhouse will be really small — kind of portable — and we hope we'll be able to tuck it behind a building so it won't be visible to the public," he said.

Work on the greenhouse will get underway soon, according to Gray, so that seedlings will be ready for planting around the park on Earth Day, April 22, 2000.

The Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park project was chosen with 71 other state park, community park, school and national forest projects to receive a total of $102,032 in grants from the foundation. "We were lucky to receive it," Gray said.

Temporary golf HQ at Rancho San Carlos



RANCHO SAN Carlos' golf pro and other golf course staff will work out of a couple of mobile office buildings shipped up from Riverside for the next year while the clubhouse is being built, according to project manager Don Wilcoxon.

"It's just a temporary set-up while the permanent facilities are being built," he said. Owners of the project opted to purchase the pre-built units and have them shipped to the property above Carmel Valley because it was "just easier" than erecting a temporary building, according to Wilcoxon. The large units (one of which is pictured above) were painstakingly delivered via Carmel Valley Road last week are now installed at the golf course site on the ranch.

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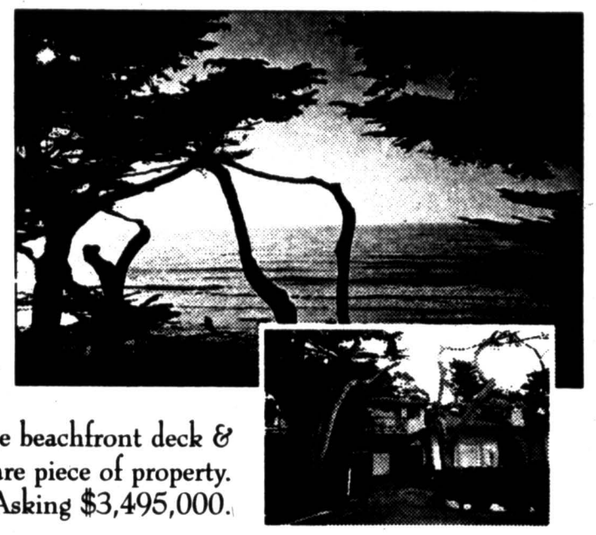

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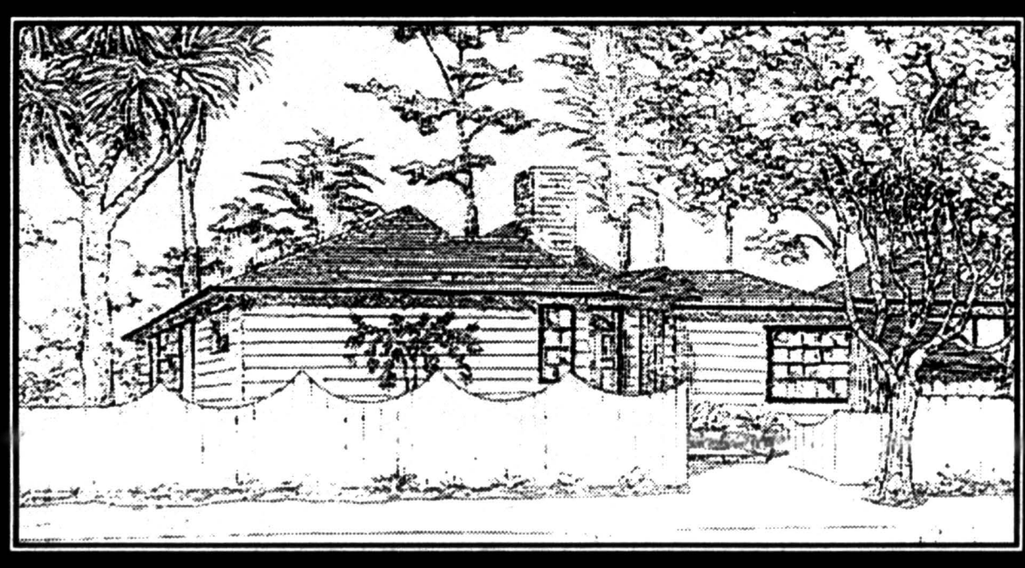

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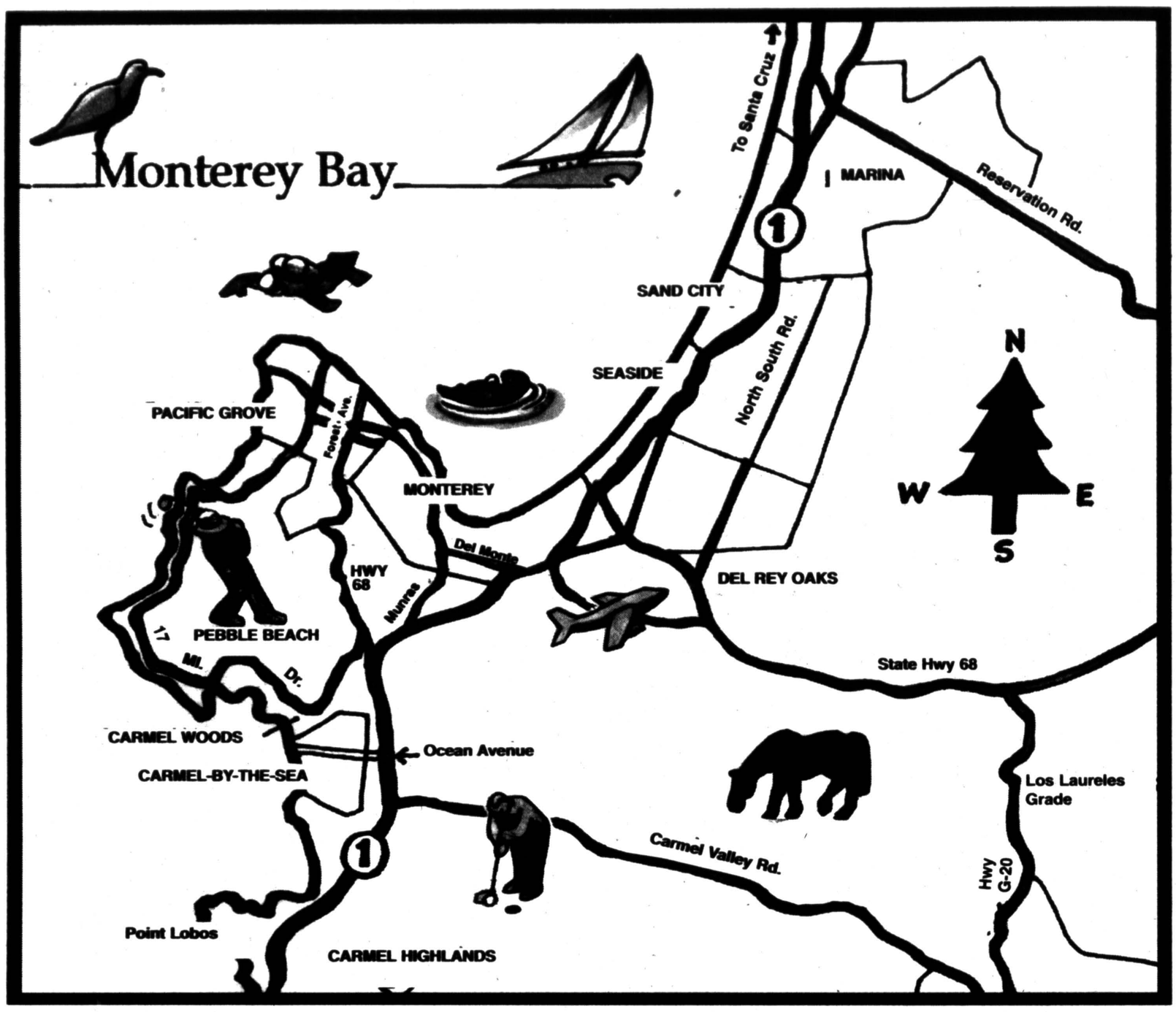


The Big Sur Land Trust

A Message for the Millennium from Zad Leavy, Executive Director & Founder

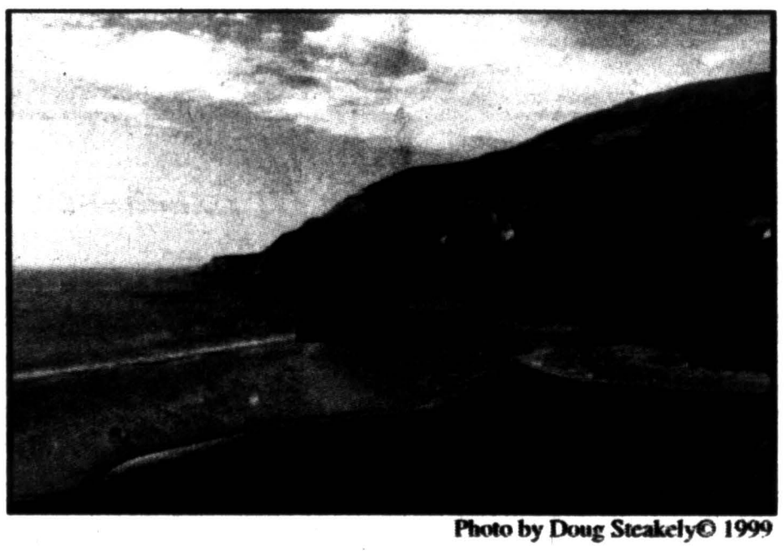
As the year and millennium come to a close, we ask you to consider a gift which will last a lifetime and beyond. A gift which will enrich your life and future generations.

The Land Trust protects what everyone enjoys: The extraordinary natural beauty of our area. From almost any coastal vantage point in Monterey County, you can see property which the Land Trust has preserved.

Over 2,000 members support our efforts. Here are some of the reasons why:

◆ Have you ever driven down the Big Sur coast toward Pt. Sur and been inspired by the rolling green hills and meadows filled with wildflowers? The Land Trust is responsible for preserving that six mile stretch of spectacular coastline on both sides of Highway One.

◆ Have you looked out from the Lodge at Pebble Beach towards Point Lobos and been awe struck by the view? The Land Trust has protected from development over 1300 acres of hillside and meadows that are part of that view. This acquisition will become a state park in 2003.



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Luck, response time save P.B. school from big conflagration

By MARY BROWNFIELD

A FIRE that began between the first and second floors of a 6-year-old Robert Louis Stevenson School dorm the evening of Dec. 17 could have been disastrous, had firefighters not caught the blaze in time.

"The saving graces were that the alarm went off and the engines were literally minutes — less than a mile — away. The building was filled with smoke, but no fire was visible," said Battalion Chief Rick Moore, who handles fire investigations for Pebble Beach Fire and the California Department of Forestry.

"We were able to discover it pretty rapidly, just before it found a vertical source to go into the attic," he said. "We could have had major destruction — we could have lost the whole building." Moore said the attic runs along the entire expanse of Day Hall.

Since he was able to conclude that the fire originated in the area between the boilers and a hot water heater, Moore wrapped up his investigation the weekend after the Friday fire.

A more thorough investigation determining the exact cause of the fire will be the responsibility of the school's insurance company, he said.

"It was primarily the result of the boilers upstairs preheating the wood, and then it ignited," he said. "I'm uncertain as to whether the boilers failed or overheated, but that's up to an investigator."

He would not speculate as to whether the installation of the boilers was faulty. An investigator may choose to have the boilers removed and taken to a lab for analysis, he said.

The damage resulting from the fire has been estimated at $200,000, according to RLS coordinator Amy White.

"They had to use axes to get at the fire, so there's some damage around the boiler and one room, but there was no damage to anyone's personal property," she said. Repairs have already begun, and should be completed by the time students begin returning to school on Jan. 3, according to White.

Moore speculated the damage in the building was extensive because the fire burned for a long time inside the walls. "There's significant damage because the fire probably burned for quite some time before it was discovered," he said.

The timing was also fortuitous because most of the students — the dorm is home to 77 students, five faculty members and their families — had left only hours before for winter break. Just six students and one staff member were in the building when the fire started.

"If it had happened a day before, the students still would have been there," Moore said. "Or if it had been much later, we would have had nobody in building and the fire would have had a significant start."

Damage from a fire that began in a boiler room was confined to the interior of Day Hall at Robert Louis Stevenson School in Pebble Beach. The fire nearly spread to the attic and could have destroyed the building, fire officials say.

PHOTO/MARY BROWNFIELD

Byrne wins AIA award

THE AMERICAN Institute of Architects Monterey Bay Chapter gave its highest award last week to former Pacific Grove Mayor Jeanne Byrne for her outstanding contributions to the architecture profession and to the community.

Byrne, a practicing architect and a former president of the AIA, "is dedicated to creating a bridge between the profession of architecture and the political process for the betterment of the community," the association said.

"As an outstanding statesman and architect, Ms. Byrne has been an exemplary role model for women in architecture, business and government," the group added.

The Robert Stanton Award, given when warranted by the AIA, recognizes architects and others who have contributed to the profession of architecture through involvement in historic preservation, professional development and community programs.

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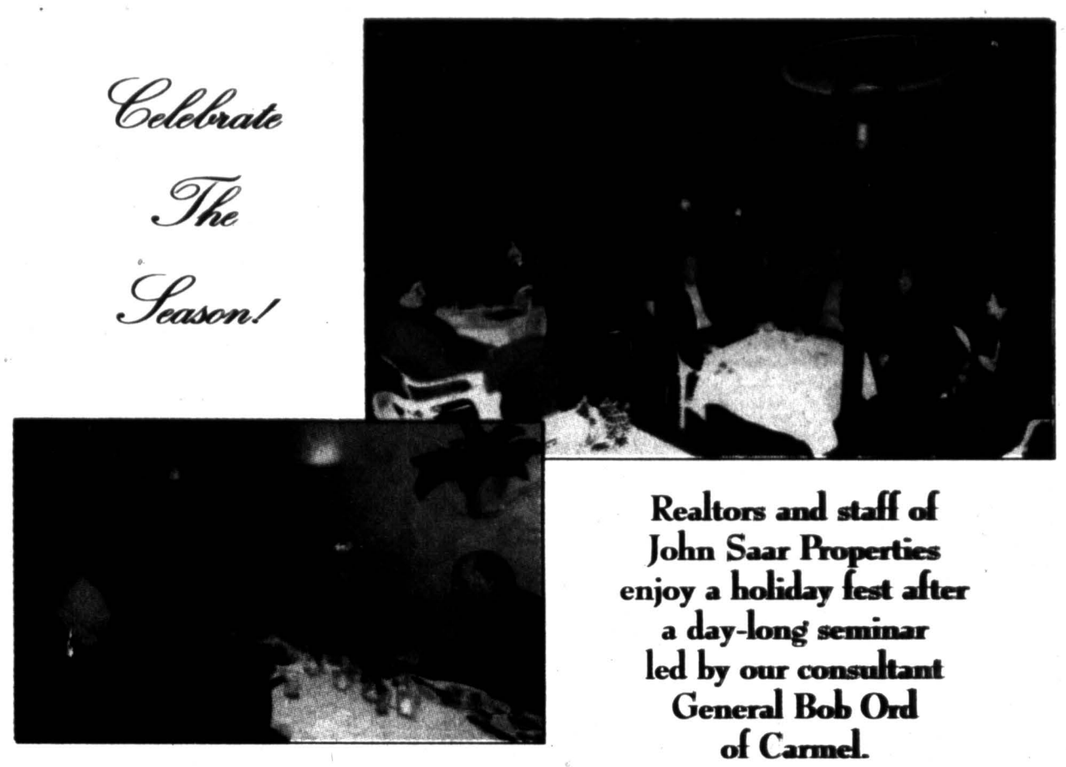

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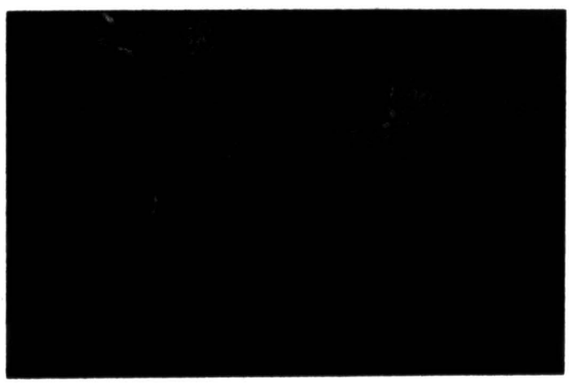

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From page 4A

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of excessive barking by dogs at a Guadalupe residence. Previous complaint filed 12/03/99. Observed both dogs continuously barking while unattended in the front yard. Notice left for owners.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Juvenile female at a Lobos residence slashed her wrists. Transported to CHOMP on a 72-hour hold.

Carmel Valley: Person drove by a Hitchcock Canyon Road residence in violation of the terms of a stay away order.

Carmel area: Robinson Canyon Road resident reported unknown person(s) smashed her mailbox. The repair came to $12.

Pebble Beach: Adult Protective Services social worker reported the possible abuse of an elderly woman.

Carmel area: Observed a dog walking in and out of traffic at the Carmel Rancho Shopping Center. Caught the dog and returned it to its home in the Carmel Knolls neighborhood.

Carmel area: Observed a vehicle that had caught on fire at the intersection of Highway 1 and Morse Drive. Cypress

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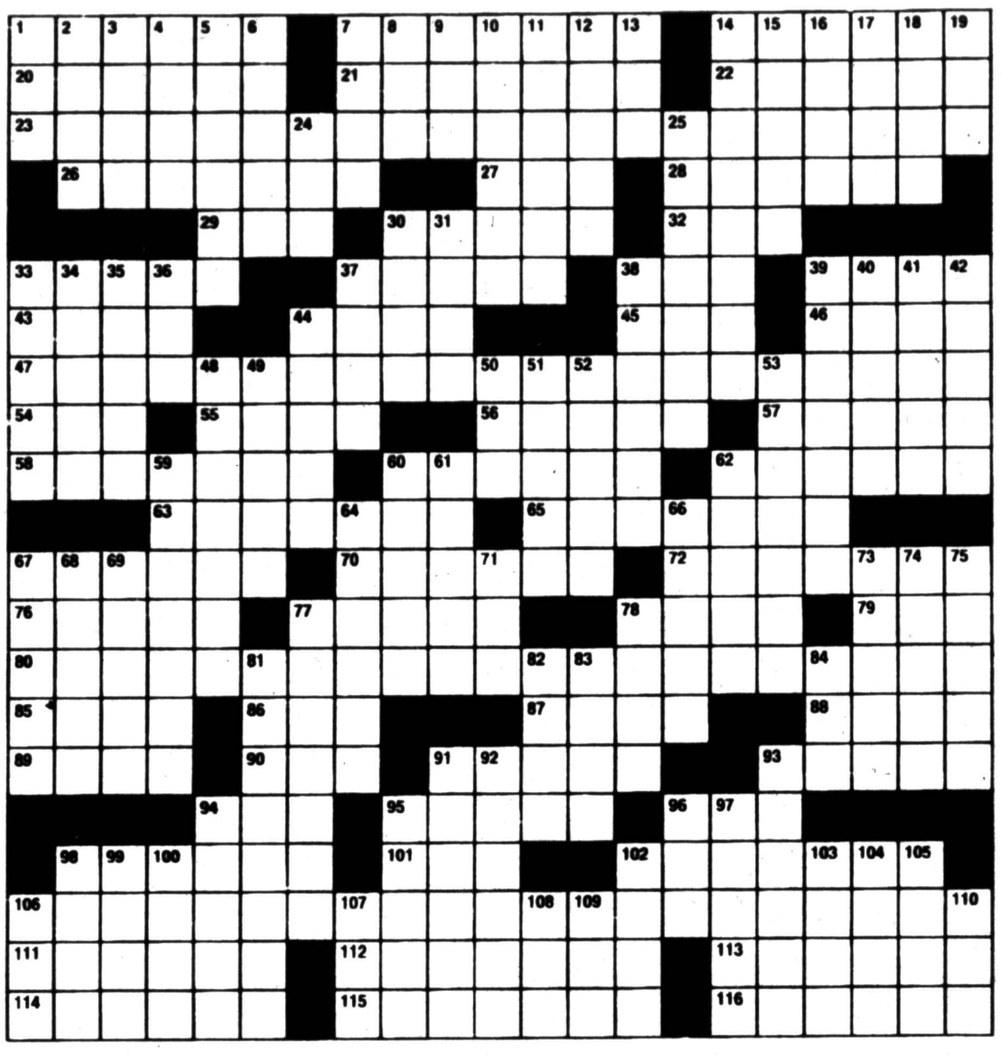

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29 Pupil's place
30 Newsmaker of 2/20/62
32 Mystery writer Josephine
33 Kind of whale
37 Not even-tempered
38 "Out, dagnabbit!"
39 "Passion According to St. John" composer
43 Like new
44 Game in which the 13 spades are laid faceup
45 Buck's love
46 Tortosa's river
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55 Cries of discovery
56 Prom needs
57 Johnson's vaudeville partner
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60 Hunk
62 Thorny
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65 Old holder of writing fluid
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72 New York tribe
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78 Site of the forges of Vulcan
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80 More of the verse
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86 Suffix with Christ
87 Nosegay
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90 Before, once
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113 They're seen at court bashes
114 Aware of, slangily
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116 It's flashy

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3 "How — the little busy bee . . ."
4 King in II Kings
5 Footnote word
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7 Driver who talks
8 Hightailed it
9 Burma's first P.M.
10 Moved easily
11 In Shakespeare, the star in "The star is fall'n"
12 Israeli leader with an eyepatch
13 Conductor — Pekka Salonen
14 Planned for, in a way
15 Wroth
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17 Sartre's "— Clos"
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33 Jimmy of "N.Y.P.D. Blue"
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95 Like many wartime messages
96 Medicine's — system
97 Red-spotted creatures
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Answers to this week's puzzle page 14A

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MONTEREY
In re the Estate of
SALLY HAPGOOD, Deceased.
Case No. MP-14753
NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF SALLY HAPGOOD

Notice is hereby given to the creditors and contingent creditors of the above-named decedent, that all persons having claims against the decedent are required to file them with the Superior Court at 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, California 93940, and mail a copy to Wendy Vache Finske, Successor Trustee of the Sally Hapgood Family Trust dated July 17, 1996, wherein the decedent was the Settlor, at P.O. Box 222083, Carmel, California 93922, or, if notice is mailed or personally delivered to you, 30 days after the date this notice is mailed or personally delivered to you, or you must petition to file a late claim as provided in Section 19103 of the Probate Code. A claim form may be obtained from the court clerk. For your protection, you are encouraged to file your claim by certified mail, with return receipt requested.

(s) Donald G. Freeman
Attorney for the Trust Estate
of Sally Hapgood, deceased
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES. To Whom It May Concern: **HORACE SOMMATINO, SHELLEY SOMMATINO, FRANK TARANTINO,** are applying to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to sell alcoholic beverages at 400 Tyler St., Monterey, CA 93940 for the following type of license: 47 ON-SALE GENERAL EATING PLACE. Date of Filing Application: Dec. 8, 1999.

Publication dates: Dec. 17, 24, 31, 1999. (PC1207).

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE
of RONALD E. RUDE
Also known as Ronald Elwin Rude
Case Number MP 14758

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of RONALD E. RUDE, also known as Ronald Elwin Rude.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by ELAINE RUDE, SHELLY L. DORNAN & JENI L. MEUSE in the Superior Court of California, County of MONTEREY.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that ELAINE RUDE, SHELLY L. DORNAN & JENI L. MEUSE be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on January 14, 2000 at 9:00 a.m., Dept.:14, in the Superior Court of California, County of Monterey, 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

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Attorney for Petitioner. Charron O'Neill, O'Neill, Woolpert & Hindmarsh, 1014 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401. (805) 543-7695.

Publication dates: Dec. 24, 31, 1999, Jan. 7, 2000. (PC1208)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 992358. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as **PACIFIC BELL PCS STORE; PCSS SMART MART,** 400 Del Monte Center, Monterey, CA 93940. WESTERN STATES WIRELESS L.L.C., STATE OF DELAWARE, 830 North Meacham Rd., Schaumburg, Illinois 60173. This business is conducted by a limited liability company. (s) James LyBrand, General Manager. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on November 29, 1998. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 13, 1999. Publication dates: Dec. 24, 31, 1999, Jan. 7, 14, 2000. (PC1209)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. F992386. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as **CARMEL STYLE,** Lincoln 2nd SE of Fifth St., Carmel, CA 93921. JOHN UNDERDOWN, Randall & Fifth, Carmel, CA 93921. This business is conducted by an individual. (s) John Underdown. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on December 1, 1999. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 15, 1999. Publication dates: Dec. 24, 31, 1999, Jan. 7, 14, 2000. (PC1211)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. F992292. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as **INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL CONSULTING; CARLSBERG INTERNATIONAL,** 515 Loma Alta, Carmel, CA 93923. RICKEY BARTON CARLSBERG, 515 Loma Alta, Carmel, CA 93921. This business is conducted by an individual. (s) RICKEY BARTON CARLSBERG. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on May 10, 1999. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 1, 1999. Publication dates: Dec. 24, 31, 1999, Jan. 7, 14, 2000. (PC1212)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. F992403. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as **THE JADE TRADE,** Cape San Martine, Big Sur, CA 93921. PHILIP P. SHAPTER, P.O. Box 223398 (at the Forge in the Barnyard), Carmel, CA 93923. This business is conducted by a general partnership. (s) PHILIP P. SHAPTER. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on January 1, 2000. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 20, 1999. Publication dates: Dec. 24, 31, 1999, Jan. 7, 14, 2000. (PC1213)

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Fire arrived on scene and put out the fire. The fire was caused by an electrical short.

Carmel area: A 15-year-old female ran away from a Carmel Hills Drive foster home.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a person vomiting in the yard of a Lobos residence. Upon arrival contacted a man sitting in a vehicle. He advised that another man was in a friend's house nearby. Several neighbors reported that the resident was not home and someone was seen going onto the property. Residence checked and a sliding glass door was found open. Upon entry officers found a man in a white dress shirt, tie and gray slacks (no shoes). He advised he is a friend of the resident and had permission to be there in order to change his clothes for a job interview. The resident had apparently left and told him to lock up. He was allowed to get dressed and remove his immediate possessions. A photo was taken of him and the resident will be contacted later to verify the statement. Residence secured.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Responded to an Ocean Avenue bakery for a 911 hang-up. Upon arrival contacted a woman who said a man had just "flipped her off." Contacted the man, who said it was a misunderstanding. Both seemed upset with what had transpired but no action was requested. Both parties counseled on courteous behavior towards each other.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Woman called regarding vague threats by her estranged husband. In May or June of this year she asked him to leave after approximately five years of marriage. He has since been calling her often and has told her he has information that would hurt her and he stated he would hurt her friends, too. She said she was not afraid of him due to his being slightly disabled, but wanted to advise the police department. She said she would be filing for divorce soon and would contact an attorney. No contact requested. Counseled her on some possible actions.

Carmel area: Person reported losing a bag with a laptop computer and a 35mm camera, among other items, at the Barnyard on 12/20/99.

Carmel Valley: Nason Road resident reported that his brother kicked in the door to his residence following an argument. Upon arrival a woman approached the residence and was bleeding from the mouth and claimed that the brother had just battered her. Suspect was not found after a foot search of the area. Suspect is on parole.

Carmel Valley: Paso Hondo resident reported that a woman had walked away from rehab, was now intoxicated and was refused entry to the home. She was found in the driveway and was arrested for public intoxication. It was discovered that she left the rehab when intoxicated and took a cab to Paso Hondo. The rehab refused to take her back. She was lodged at County Jail.

Pebble Beach: While seated in the cab of a pickup truck parked on Sunridge Road to stay warm, a man reported flames started coming out from under the hood. He was able to put out the fire prior to the arrival of CDF.

Carmel area: A student at Carmel River School reported to his teacher that his mother attempted suicide the previous evening. The boy's father was contacted and responded to the school. The matter was being handled and no assistance was needed.

Big Sur: While on patrol on southbound Highway 1 near Ripplewood Campgrounds, deputy contacted and identified a pedestrian as a woman reported missing from her home in Pasadena, Calif., by her family.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15

Pebble Beach: Congress Road resident reported that someone was ringing her doorbell and running away. It was found to only be an electrical problem.

Carmel Valley: Toyon Way resident reported finding the glass sliding door to her house shattered.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Observed a mountain lion walking in the business district. The lion weight between 100 and 150 pounds. Followed it north but it eluded officers at San Carlos and Second.

See **POLICE LOG** *page 10B*

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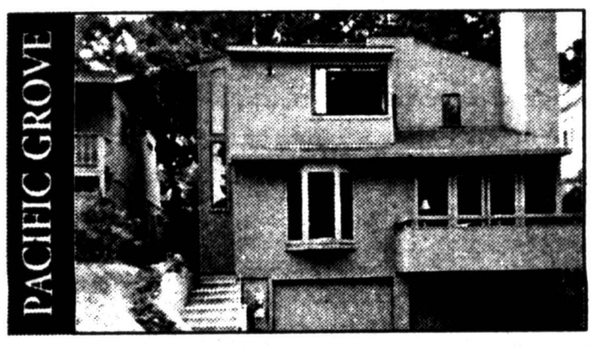

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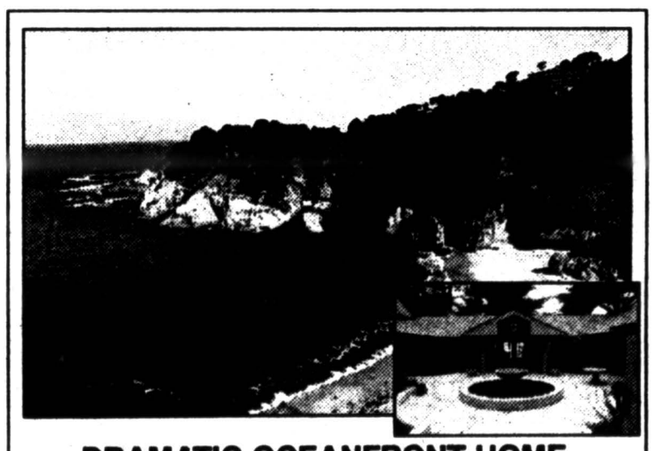

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Carmel-by-the-Sea: Driver reported a motorist tried to stop his delivery truck on Highway 1 and followed him to Carmel. He could not provide any information regarding the other vehicle.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Person contacted who was trying to solicit donations for his Christian radio program. Advised he should provide non-profit information regarding his program to City Hall prior to any further solicitation.

Pebble Beach: Sunridge Road resident reported his golf clubs were missing out of his car. No suspect info.

Pebble Beach: Sunridge Road resident reported finding her backyard gate open. She was concerned because she heard that her neighbors had been burglarized. She did not see anyone.

Carmel area: Business in the Crossroads reported an employee stole several hundred dollars worth of merchandise.

Carmel area: Dorris Drive resident reported being in an argument with her husband. The husband agreed to leave and not return until the following day.

Carmel Valley: Rancho Road resident reported hearing a female yelling for help somewhere in the area. An area check was conducted and no one was found.

Pebble Beach: Sunset Lane resident reported that an unknown suspect entered his locked vehicle while it was parked in his driveway. He heard the activity and scared the suspect off. There was nothing stolen from the vehicle.

Carmel area: Man reported he believes several cement plaques were stolen from the rear yard of a Barnyard store overnight. Case continues.

Carmel area: Cuesta Way resident reported to a paramedic he had been slapped the previous night by his caretaker. He was at Salinas Valley Memorial for an unrelated illness. Case continues.

Pebble Beach: Sunridge Road resident reported damage to her daughter's car and her and her daughter's cars entered. Nothing appeared to be missing from either car.

Pebble Beach: Coral Drive resident reported the theft of purses and money from the car occurred in the early evening of 12/10/99.

Pebble Beach: Coral Drive resident reported the theft of two tool boxes from his garage occurred on or about 12/3/99.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Hotel guest heard sounds of people walking outside her room at 0142 hours. Area checked,

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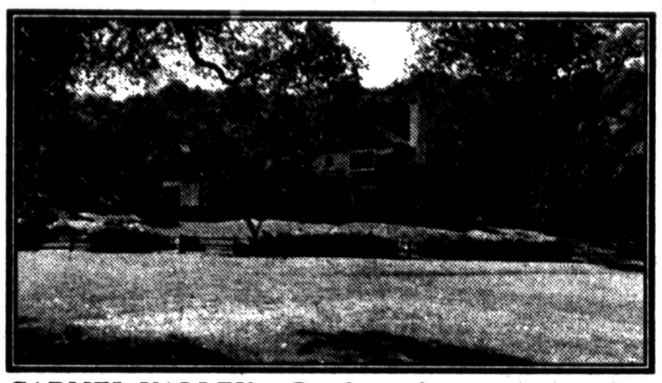

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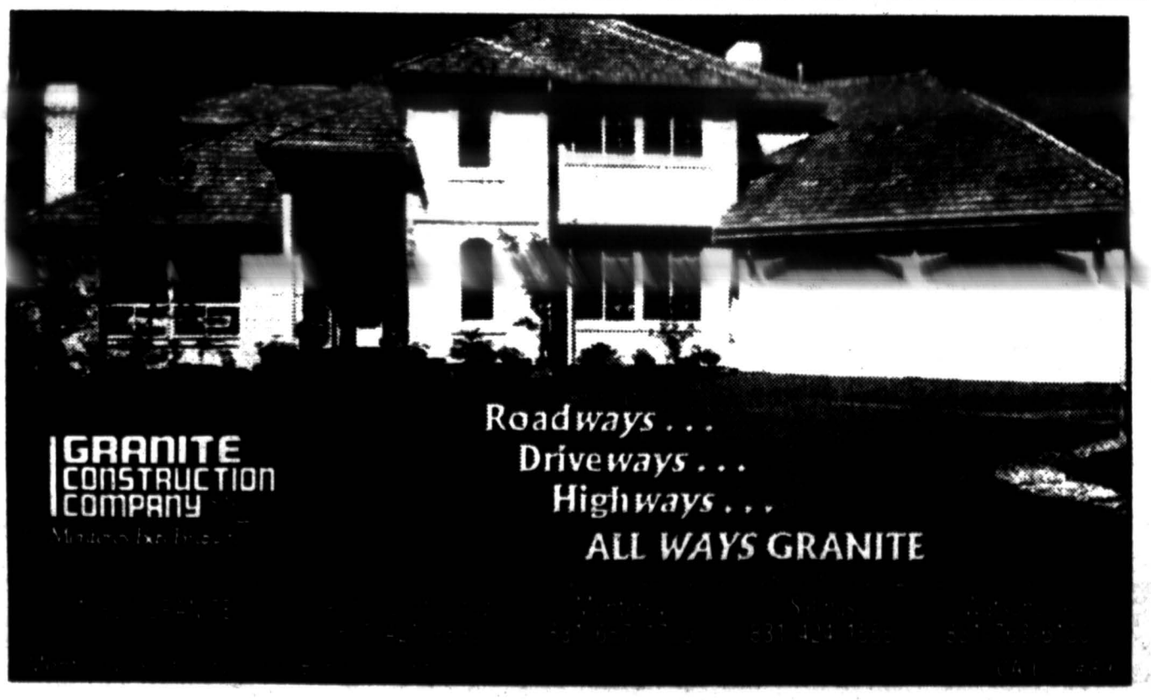

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Carmel-by-the-Sea: Person reported seeing flashing lights outside her window. Area check revealed the light was coming from a malfunctioning light on the rear of City Hall. Building and Maintenance notified.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a bottle of Dom Perignon champagne stolen from a market on Junipero. No suspect information, no report desired.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a civil dispute between a store and an individual over the quality of an engraving done on a letter opener. Store offered to replace the opener, but the customer refused, stating she wanted reimbursement. Both parties advised to have their respective attorneys contact each other to avoid any further emotional statements.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Woman reported she lost a pair of Native American earrings at a Junipero hotel. She then wanted to talk about a referral for psychic services to get away from the voices in her head. She was advised to seek information in the phone book. She left the station and stated she would be at the hotel until she could find a permanent residence.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Domestic violence protective order served to an Eighth Avenue resident.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a disoriented-looking old man wandering in the street. Area checked — unable to locate.

Carmel Valley: Person reported someone had removed a fence post leading to the Carmel Valley Vintage Airfield landing strip.

Carmel area: Man reported he lost his wallet somewhere in the Carmel Point area.

Carmel Valley: Esquiline resident reported her newspaper post was knocked over.

Big Sur: Man contacted security at the Post Ranch Inn and advised them he was thinking of committing suicide. He went voluntarily to CHOMP to speak with a crisis worker.

Carmel area: Stewart Place resident was involved in a civil dispute with one of his tenants.

Pebble Beach: Wranglers Trail resident reported the theft of golf clubs and other items from his unsecured car. The theft occurred during the night and there are no suspects at this time.

Big Sur: Man at Ventana Inn requested the sheriff's department to stand by while he asked a guest to leave.

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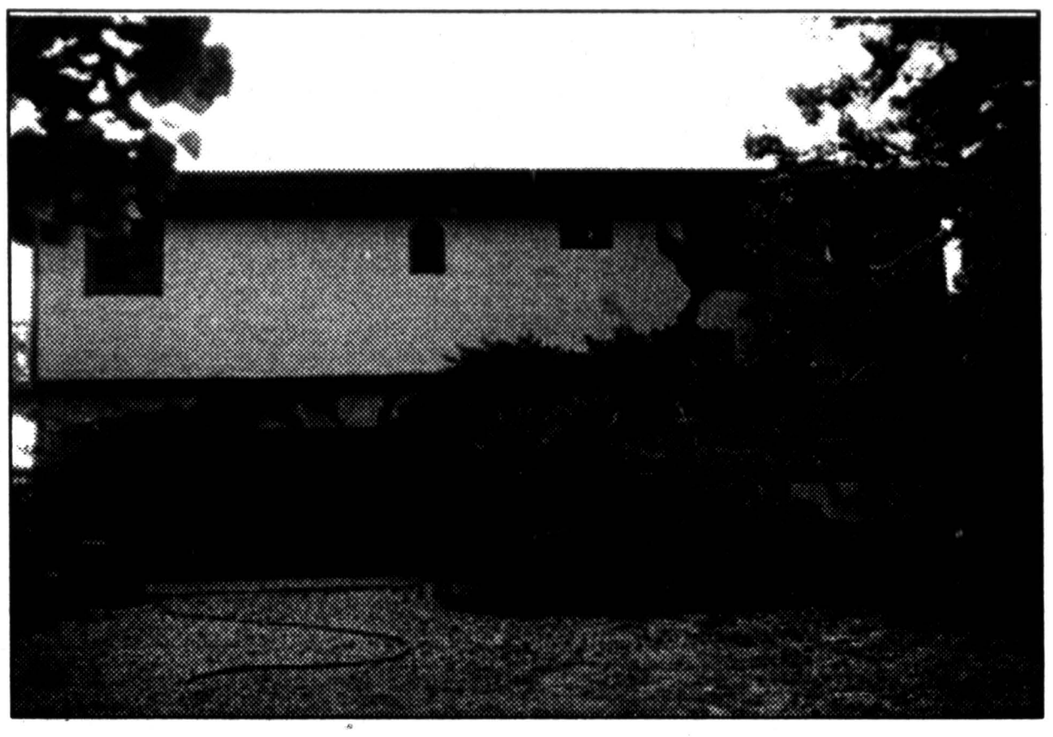

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CARMEL

ARTIST'S RETREAT! This classic 3-bedroom, 3-bath Carmel cottage with stained-glass windows, French doors, fireplace framed by an antique carved mantel and wood floors has the charm that you've been searching for. On two lots, including garden room, large separate guest quarters, Carmel-stone patios and outdoor river-rock fireplace. $625,000.

A RARE FIND! This charming and private Carmel Village hide-a-way is in a wonderful setting only steps to town. The eleven-year-old home with 2 bedrooms and 2 baths offers vaulted cathedral ceilings, two fireplaces, dual-pane windows throughout, hardwood floors in both the kitchen and dining area, and French doors off the private master suite. $829,000

SEA RANCH ECHOS! Just listed. Beautiful contemporary in a lovely, serene and private setting on almost 1/2 acre with inner courtyard and pool. Offering fantastic Point Lobos and ocean views, 3 bedrooms, 3-1/2 baths, family room with a tile fireplace and a step-down living room with a wonderful stone fireplace. Master suite with a cozy den. There is a separate office/exercise room over the garage. $975,000.

SIMPLY SPECTACULAR! Almost new 3-bedroom, 2-bath contemporary home with dramatic views of the Santa Lucia mountains. The spacious living room with high ceiling and dramatic skylights and dining room combo with adjacent gourmet kitchen make entertaining easy. Wrap-around redwood and Travertine decks surround the home, creating indoor and outdoor living spaces. This residence is a one-of-a-kind opportunity. $949,000.

PARK PLACE! A gracious 3-bedroom, 2-bath residence with all the charm of Carmel yet roomy and brand new. Designed and constructed by Don McBride, it incorporates vaulted ceilings, hardwood & tile floors, colonial moulding, river-rock fireplace, custom cabinetry, windows & doors and a deluxe kitchen. Designer details include utility room with Dutch door to a patio, two balconies and three sets of French doors. $1,395,000.

A RARE FIND! What would be nicer than owning a classic Carmel-style 3-bedroom, 3-bath home only a short walk to Carmel Beach and town? Well-maintained with about 2000 sq. ft. of living area with some ocean views and even a peek of Pebble Beach 10th fairway! Plus a great deck for entertaining. A well-priced home in today's market! $1,595,000.

BAYVIEW PRIVACY! Private 5-acre knoll-top with sweeping Monterey Bay views from Monterey to Santa Cruz. The main house of about 1900 sq.ft. features a kitchen/family room, deck and two-car garage. The separate guest house is a relaxing retreat for your guests. Discover the privacy of this wonderful Jacks Peak property, yet convenient to just about everything on the Peninsula. $1,750,000.

CARMEL HIGHLANDS

BLUE PACIFIC FOREVER! Today's owner has combined the original drama of a home built in 1922 with attention to detail and subtle high tech. The views are breathtaking. The entry to the approximately 5300 sq. ft. home is enchanting with leaded and custom-stained glass doors. Four bedrooms, 4 plus baths and a guest studio. Owner will consider lease option. $1,700,000.

ROCKY SHORES! Spectacular ocean and coastal views, along with access to your own private cove, are available from this virtually new home directly on the craggy Highlands coastline. On about .7 acres and presently in the final stages of reconstruction with 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, new propane heating system, all electrical, floorplan and more. Winter completion. $2,800,000.

CARMEL VALLEY

QUAIL LODGE! Custom-designed and built home with lovely views overlooking the 14th fairway. A classic design, this 3-bedroom, 2-1/2-bath home features spacious rooms, 3 fireplaces, private patios, and a separate spa room. Call now for your private viewing. Truly a home for all seasons. $1,650,000.

FORESTED SETTING! Up in the tree tops of a beautiful redwood canyon sits this fine Mid-Valley getaway. Two bedrooms, 2 baths, each with own entrance, sunny decks, patios and room for expansion. $399,500.

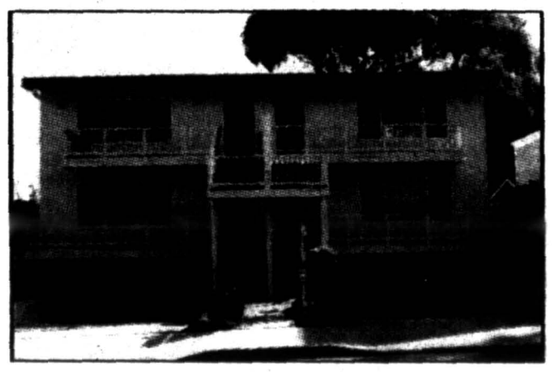
NEW ON MARKET! In an absolutely fantastic Mid-Valley location of sunny, level and park-like 1.25 acres near the river. Very nice, well-designed over 2000 sq. ft. family home with a great floor plan. Offering 3 bedrooms, 2 baths and a cozy brick fireplace in the living room. Enjoy the quiet country lifestyle with the convenience of being a short drive to all Peninsula activities. A great value at $569,000.

MONTEREY

JUST LISTED! Cute, cute house on a large lot across the street from a nice neighborhood park. Featuring 2-bedrooms, 1-bath and a cozy fireplace in the living room. New carpets, new forced air heater and new paint. A terrific value in a very popular and convenient location. $279,000.

CHARM, LOCATION & VALUE! In one of Monterey's historic and beautiful areas is this spacious, well-designed and quality upgraded 4-bedroom, 4-bath home on over a .70 acre site. Features include a family room, dining room, large office & separate guest quarters. The kitchen is truly the heart of this home with bay windows, granite counters, marble fireplace and French doors that open to a private patio and yard bordering greenbelt. $998,000.

PACIFIC GROVE



INCOME PROPERTY! A chance to own a light and bright four-plex in an ideal location in the heart of town. Each 1-bedroom, 1-bath unit offers a bonus room, plenty of storage and shared deck. A golden opportunity! $625,000.

CAPE COD DREAM! Rare, oceanfront property features white-water views in a private area. This charming Cape Cod home with historical status features 3 bedrooms and 1-1/2 baths. It has two lots of record of about 6000 sq. ft. each. There is potential for a bed-and-breakfast, small apartment, or residence. $1,449,000.

PEBBLE BEACH

JUST LISTED! The open and airy floor plan offers a forest view from every room of this immaculate 3-bedroom, 2-bath home on about .4 acres off a quiet cul-de-sac. Offering step-down living room, formal dining room and breakfast nook. The family room is warmed by an adobe fireplace for cold winter nights.Truly one of the best buys in the area. $469,000.

FRONT LINE SPANISH BAY! Just listed! This immaculate 3-bedroom, 4-bath front-line townhouse has fabulous ocean and golf views. Just steps to the clubhouse and athletic facility, and overlooking the practice putting green, first tee and rolling first fairway to the ocean beyond. For those who feel elegance and luxury are as important as utility, privacy, comfort and security! $2,950,000.

FABULOUS LOCATION! This elegant contemporary is just steps to The Lodge and the 18th Green of the Pebble Beach Golf Links! Set on a level, almost 3/4-acre site, this spacious 4-bedroom, 3-bath home offers the simplicity of a townhouse in the privacy of an estate setting. Elegant living room with wall of windows, cozy library with fireplace, terrace, manicured landscaping and location, location, location. $1,975,000.

CYPRESS POINT MEDITERRANEAN! This beautifully and lovingly remodeled estate home is located on a private, gated two-acre parcel on the 4th fairway of Cypress Point Golf Club and minutes from The Lodge. This stunning 4-bedroom, 2-1/2-bath Mediterranean was completed with the finest attention to detail and design. $2,395,000.

JUST LISTED! This elegant French country estate residence was designed and built by Tescher/Levett on 1.69 acres in the heart of the estate area. It features the finest in materials & workmanship, dramatic two-story foyer, soaring ceilings, country kitchen opening to a large family room, 5-bedrooms & 4 -1/2-baths, including separate guest quarters. With quality, privacy and location, this property has it all. $3,500,000.

CYPRESS POINT VIEWS! Contemporary flair combines with traditional values in this meticulous "move in" ocean-view residence. This 3-bedroom, 3-1/2-bath home with family room, media room and gourmet kitchen sits on a dramatic 1.4-acre site overlooking the 2nd and 3rd fairways of Cypress Point Golf Course, sand dunes and the Pacific Ocean beyond. $3,200,000.

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